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ALL SAINTS (YEAR A) 1ST NOVEMBER 2026

One in Christ, united in mission (Part 3)

3. Mission to love – Proclaiming, living and sharing God's faithful love

If unity is the condition of mission, love is its essence. The Good News that we are sent to proclaim to the world is not an abstract ideal; it is the Gospel of God's faithful love, which became flesh in the face and life of Jesus Christ.

The mission of the disciples and the Church as a whole is to continue the mission of Christ in the Holy Spirit: a mission born of love, lived in love, and leading to love. In fact, the Lord himself, in his great prayer to the Father before his Passion, after invoking unity among his disciples, concludes: "so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them" (*Jn* 17:26). Impelled by the love of Christ, the Apostles then went out to evangelize for Christ (cf. *2 Cor* 5:14). In the same way, throughout the centuries, multitudes of Christians — martyrs, confessors and missionaries — have given their lives to make this divine love known to the world. Thus, guided by the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of love, the Church's evangelizing mission will continue until the end of time.

I would like to express my special gratitude to today's *ad gentes* missionaries. Like Saint Francis Xavier, they have left their homeland, their families and all sense of security in order to proclaim the Gospel and bring Christ and his love to places that are often challenging, poor, conflict-ridden or culturally distant. Despite adversity and human limitations, they continue to give themselves joyfully, because they know that Christ himself, and his Gospel, are the greatest treasures we can offer. Through their perseverance, they demonstrate that God's love transcends all barriers. The world still needs these courageous witnesses of Christ, and ecclesial communities still need new missionary vocations. We must always keep them close to our hearts and continually pray to the Father for them. May he grant us the gift of young people and adults who are willing to leave everything behind to follow Christ on the path of evangelization even to the ends of the earth!

Filled with admiration for men and women missionaries, I make a special appeal to the whole Church to join them in the mission of evangelization through the witness of our lives in Christ, through prayer and through our contributions to the missions. As Saint Francis of Assisi said, "Love is not loved," and we look to him in a special way on the eight hundredth anniversary of his passing to heaven. Let us find inspiration in his desire to live in the love of the Lord and to transmit it to those both near and far, because, as he said, "this love Who hath loved us much is much to be loved" (Saint Bonaventure of Bagnoregio, *The Life of Saint Francis*, chap. IX, 1). Let us also draw inspiration from the zeal of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, who declared that she would continue her mission even after death: "I shall desire in heaven the same thing as I do now on earth: to love Jesus and to make him loved" (*Letter 220 to l'Abbé Bellière*, 24 February 1897).

Inspired by these testimonies, let us all commit to contributing to the great mission of evangelization — which is always a work of love —according to our own vocation and the gifts we have received. Your prayers and practical support, particularly on World Mission Day, will be a great help in bringing the Gospel of God's love to everyone, especially the poorest and those most in need. I renew my heartfelt gratitude for everything you will do to help me help missionaries throughout the world. To foster spiritual communion, I give you my blessing with this simple prayer:

Holy Father, make us one in Christ, rooted in his love that unites and renews. May all members of the Church be united in mission, docile to the Holy Spirit, courageous in bearing witness to the Gospel, proclaiming and daily embodying your faithful love for all creatures.

Bless all missionary men and women, support them in their efforts, and watch over them in hope!

Mary, Queen of Missions, accompany our work of evangelization in every corner of the earth: make us instruments of peace, and grant that the whole world may recognize in Christ the light that saves. Amen.

Extract from Message of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV for the 100th World Mission Day, 18th October 2026.

From the Parish Diaries

Sun 1st November	9.30am 11.30am 4.00pm	Coffee Morning - Hall Tea & Coffee after Mass - Hall GIFT Youth	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
Mon 2nd November	7.15pm	Christian Meditation - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
Tue 3rd November	3.30pm	Youth Choir	St John the Evangelist
Thu 5th November	2.00pm 8.00pm	Warm Spaces - Hall Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
Fri 6th November	9.30am 7.00pm	Burial of Ashes - Kate Harrison RIP Young Adults Pub Social	Our Lady Help of Christians Coach & Horses, Rickmansworth
Sat 7th November	11.00am After 11.00am Mass	Deceased Parishioners Mass Blessing of Graves - Garden of Rest	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
Sun 8th November	2.00pm	Remembrance Sunday Parade	Our Lady Help of Christians

Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
Saturday 31st October	**9.30am** Genova D'Cruz RIP	**6pm** Natalio Borg RIP	
Sunday 1st November ***All Saints***	**8.30am** Special Intention **11am** Teresa Hukowski & Sean Prunty RIP **6pm** For the People of the Parishes	**10.30am** For the People of the Parishes	**9am** Molly O'Sullivan RIP
Monday 2nd November ***The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)***	**9.30am** Holy Souls		
Tuesday 3rd November	**9.30am** Margrith Schai RIP		**No Mass Today**
Wed 4th November ***St Charles Borromeo***	**No Mass Today**	**9.30am** Grace Haddad RIP	
Thursday 5th November	**9.30am** Pat Mullery RIP		
Friday 6th November	**9.30am** Kate Harrison RIP		
Saturday 6th November	**11am** For the Deceased Members of our Parishes	**6pm** For the People of the Parishes	
Sunday 8th November ***32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time***	**8.30am** Special Intention **11am** For those who died in War **6pm** Colin Lawrence RIP	**10.30am** For those who died in War	**9am** Greg McEwen RIP (Anniv.)
Sanctuary Lamps	This week our Sanctuary Lamp (Blessed Sacrament) burns for Jonàš Cink		
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession	**Sundays 5pm - 5.40pm**	**Saturdays 5pm - 5.40pm**	**Confessions on request and by appointment**

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parishes

Our Lady Help of Christians: Kathleen Collins, Neville Mathews, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Henry Cutting, Nalene Nixon, Maureen Douglas, Michael Gaukroger, Pauline Williams, Gloria Warmington, Veronica Finnegan, Mark & Janet Kirwan, Ann Aldridge and Sean.

St John the Evangelist: Paul O'Connor, Louise Borg and Sandie Tew.

St John Fisher: Nora O'Toole, Francis De Souza, Georgina Kelham, Pete Murray, Steve Kibbey, Matthew Leone, Jean-Pierre Roche, Angela Hoy, Anne Trenchard, Paul Kennett, Julian Harris and Edith Moid.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Eliyanah & Elijah Blundell who were baptised at St John the Evangelist, Mill End on Saturday 31st October. Please keep Eliyanah & Elijah and their family in your prayers.

MICHAEL DE GABRIELE RIP

The funeral of Michael De Gabriele will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians at 10.30am on Wednesday 11th November, followed by committal at Carpenders Park Lawn Cemetery. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time.

ALTAR SERVERS ALBS

We are very blessed that we now have 35 young Altar Servers across our parishes assisting our priests at Mass. However, with this increase we are in need of some new Albs for them to wear. One Alb costs at least £40. If anyone would like to make a donation to go towards the costs of these vestments we would be most grateful. Donations can be made via a BACs payment with a reference of 'servers albs' via the details on our parish website.

PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN NOVEMBER

November is a month when we traditionally pray for the repose of the faithful departed, remembering in a special way our departed family members and friends. Holy Souls sheets on which you can write the names of your departed loved ones and friends are available this weekend. These can then be placed inside one of the brown "November Dead" envelopes, with any offering you wish to make, and then be placed in the "Holy Souls" box provided. During the month of November weekday Masses across the three parishes will be offered for the Holy Souls and your intentions will be placed in a special box in front of the altar as a focus for our prayer for the faithful departed.

FUNERAL PLAN

November is a month where we should think about our own death and be helping the community to pray for us when that time comes. The Church encourages us to be prepared for the day when our lives are ended, and to support our family and friends by having a plan for our funeral written down. Sheets to help us with this will be available to take away throughout November. Full information on how to prepare our funerals can be found at the diocesan website: https://rcdow.org.uk/ liturgy/preparing-for-a-funeral/

GIFT YOUTH

GIFT Youth **will be throwing an All Saints party** and are encouraging everyone to come dressed as their favourite saint, this will be on 1st November at Our Lady's Parish Hall 4pm-5.30pm for all those in Year 7 and above. You can register your child for this via the QR Code. Please do encourage your children to come to **GIFT Youth** so they can be part of a community which will support them over the coming years in discovering God's plan for them.

KATE HARRISON RIP

The ashes of Kate Harrison RIP will be interred in the Garden of Rest after the 9.30am Mass on Friday 6th November.

YOUNG ADULTS PUB SOCIAL

The next meeting of the Young Adults Group, for anyone aged 18 to roughly 35 in our parishes, will be on Friday 6th November at 7.00pm at the Coach & Horses. For further details contact Ben at +44 7704 049263.

MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

On Saturday 7th November we will have a Mass for all deceased members of our parishes at 11am in Our Lady Help of Christians Church. At this Mass we will particularly remember all those who have died over the past year so please do encourage those recently bereaved to attend. This Mass will be immediately followed by the blessing of graves at Our Lady's Garden of Rest and refreshments in Our Lady's Parish Hall.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

During November Fr Andrew and Fr Dom will be blessing graves in the local cemeteries: Saturday 14th November 2.00pm at Woodcock Hill Cemetery; Sunday 15th November 2.00pm Chorleywood Road Cemetery and Saturday 21st November at 2.00pm at Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Rickmansworth Remembrance Sunday Service will take place on Sunday 8th November at 2.30pm at St Mary's Church (CofE), Rickmansworth. It will be preceded by the Remembrance Sunday Parade beginning at Our Lady Help of Christians at 2.00pm. Parishioners are invited to join us to mark this solemn and historic occasion.

LOVE IN ACTION RESPONSE

Now that we have explored all 6 Catholic Social Teaching principles over the last few months, you are all warmly invited to help put together our Love in Action Response in the form of an action plan. We will be gathering ideas of how we can further support our local communities, including the most vulnerable within them and showing care for God's creation. Please join us on Thursday 12th November from 6.30pm - 7.30pm at Our Lady's parish hall to begin writing our plan. Many thanks.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

Our annual competition to provide the picture for our Christmas Information Card is now open. We invite our young people to draw/paint/design an image to go on the front cover of this card. It must be linked to the Christmas Nativity Story and be in portrait layout. Please submit entries to the parish office by Sunday 15th November with your child's name and age.

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Wednesday 18th November 1.30pm - 2.30pm; Thursday 10th December 9.30am - 10.30am, Tuesday 12th January 9.30am - 10.30am. Book your place by visiting stjohns705.eventbrite.co.uk

YOUTH MASS

All are welcome to join our Youth Mass on Sunday 29th November at 6.00pm at Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth. Please join us afterwards in the hall for food and fun.

SVP NATIONAL RAFFLE

Thank you for supporting the SVP National Raffle during the summer. The amount raised was £800, half of which will go directly to your Chess Valley SVP funds for local and overseas support of those in need. We are very grateful for your generosity.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?
Have you, or someone you know, been thinking about becoming a catholic? Are you a baptised catholic but have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation and would now like to complete your initiation? If the answer to either of these questions is 'yes', please drop an email to Fr Andrew to have a chat about what is involved and how our parishes can help you to take the next step.

6TH RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUT GROUP
The Group are always pleased to welcome young people to join in with the variety of activities offered by the various sections. We are also in need of adult volunteers for all age groups to help us continue with this provision within the Parish and wider community. For further information please contact: info@6thRickySeaScouts.org.uk

FAITH & FRIENDSHIP GROUP
Faith and Friendship group will meet at 2.15pm in the small hall on the following Wednesdays: 11th & 25th November and 9th December where we are currently watching Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism Series. All welcome to join us and share thoughts with other parishioners over a cup of tea.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP
Meets every Monday evening from 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start in the small hall for about an hour. We meditate together for 20 minutes and then reflect on a reading about Christian meditation. Please join us - you would be most welcome. For further information please contact Anne Jaxa-Chamiec annej_c@icloud.com or on 07810805900.

WARM WINTER SPACE
Chess Valley SVP provide a Warm Winter Space in the church hall at St John the Evangelist, Mill End, every Thursday afternoon between 2 to 4pm. Hot drinks, cakes and biscuits will be provided. Please let those you feel would benefit from this know. For further information, please email chessvalleysvp@gmail.com

SVP COMMUNITY LUNCH
Chess Valley SVP will host their Community lunch every 3rd Sunday of the month at 12.30pm in the hall of St John the Evangelist. We look forward to welcoming our regular guests and parishioners from across the three parishes. If you know of someone who would benefit from this please let them know. We hope you can join us.

MILL END FOOD BANK
There is a current shortage of the following items: Jam, Pasta Sauce, Long life milk/squash, tinned fruit, biscuits and cereal. **Please ensure that food items donated are not out of date.** Non food items: shampoo, shower gel, washing up liquid, hand soap, toothpaste. **We have lots of pasta & baked beans so not these items please**. Items can be placed in the boxes provided at the back of each church.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

COFFEE MORNING
There will be a Coffee Morning after Mass on Sunday 1st November. Please join us in the hall for a catch up and make new parish friends. Donations go to Our Lady's Building Fund.

STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS
Many thanks to all who have saved their used stamps for the Missions. Everyone's small contributions can make a difference. The box is in the church porch. Please keep them coming! *Sheila H.*

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS FAIR-
St John's Christmas Fair, Mill End will take place on 6th December after the 10.30am Mass. Please make a note in your diaries and come and support the fair. Donations of bottles and sweets for the tombolas are needed, if you have any to spare. Please make sure they are unopened and in date! These can be brought in from now and left in the box at the back of the church. Raffle tickets will go on sale from the middle of November after all weekend Masses - please bring cash! Thank you for your support.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

CARDINAL HUME CENTRE FOR THE HOMELESS
Our Autumn Appeal is now only three weeks away on 22nd November after Mass. We have started putting items out in the lounge for the **Raffle** and **Silent Auction** (come and see). You can buy tickets and make bids and donations from today, remember we would also be grateful for unloved or broken jewellery, gold and silver and old coins. Please be as generous as you can to help this wonderful centre in its great work of charity for so many desperate people. Please phone Mary with any queries, 07795 276728, thank you x

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 7th November 11am – Mass for Deceased Parishioners
Saturday 14th November 2.00pm – Blessing of Graves at Woodcock Hill Cemetery
Sunday 15th November 2.00pm – Blessing of Graves at Chorleywood Road Cemetery
Saturday 21st November 2.00pm – Blessing of Graves at Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery.
Sunday 29th November 6.00pm - Youth Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians, Rickmansworth
Sunday 6th December 11.30am to 1pm - Christmas Fair, St John the Evangelist, Mill End
Sunday 13th December 3pm Joint Parishes Christmas Carol Service