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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 8TH NOVEMBER 2026

Putting Love into Action

Over the past year, our parish community has come together through newsletters, homilies, prayer cards, and meetings to explore the core pillars of Catholic Social Teaching. Guided by God's call to love our neighbour and witness His grace in the world, we have reflected deeply on how to turn faith into tangible service.

As we prepare for the next chapter of this journey, here is a reminder of the six foundational principles that guide us:

1. Option for the Poor: Prioritising, walking alongside, and sharing our lives and resources with those living in poverty.

2. Human Dignity: Recognising that everyone is made in the image and likeness of God, treating every person we meet as a sibling with absolute dignity and respect.

3. Dignity of Workers: Valuing work as a sacred participation in God's creation, ensuring human rights always take precedence over profit.

4. Solidarity and Peace: Actively seeking the good of our global family, understanding that true solidarity requires pursuing peace for all people.

5. Community and Participation: Nurturing our nature as social beings by actively building up our parish, workplaces, and local neighbourhoods.

6. Care of Creation: Acting as faithful stewards of the Earth's finite resources, recognising that our environmental choices profoundly impact current and future generations.

The next phase of our **Love in Action** project is to review how we are currently living out these principles as a parish—and identify where we can do more for both our local and global communities.

All parishioners are warmly invited to help create our official **Love in Action Response**. This structured action plan will serve as the roadmap for our community's social outreach over the coming years.

Workshop Details:

Dates: Thursday 12th November and Thursday 19th November

Time: 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Location: Our Lady's Parish Hall

Please join us for these two sessions to help shape the future of our parish outreach. Your voice, ideas, and faith are vital to bringing this plan to life.

PARISH VISION STATEMENT
The Catholic Parishes of Rickmansworth, Chorleywood and Mill End aspire to share the Good News of God's saving love.
We are vibrant, welcoming communities, united in worshipping God and serving our neighbours.
We invite every person to join us in growing together in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, experiencing and living through the power of the Holy Spirit.

From the Parish Diaries

Sun 8th November	2.00pm	Remembrance Sunday Parade	Our Lady Help of Christians
Mon 9th November	7.15pm	Christian Meditation - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
Tue 10th November	12 noon 3.30pm 7.00pm	Mass for the Deceased Clergy of Watford Deanery Youth Choir Young Adults Social - Hall	St Bede's, Croxley Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians
Wed 11th November	2.15pm	Faith & Friendship - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
Thu 12th November	2.00pm 6.30pm	Warm Spaces - Hall Love in Action - Hall	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
Sat 14th November	9.30am 11.15am 2.00pm	GIFT Family Session Baptism - Orla Brennan Blessing of Graves	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians Woodcock Hill Cemetery
Sun 15th November	11.00am 12.30pm 2.00pm	First Holy Communions - Marinella Del Percio & Sophia Gomes SVP Community Lunch Blessing of Graves	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist Chorleywood Road Cemetery

Mass Times and Intentions this Week

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
Saturday 7th 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.)
Monday 9th November ***The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica***	**9.30am** Frank & Phyllis Rice RIP (Anniv.)		
Tuesday 10th November ***St Leo the Great***	**9.30am** Mercedes Garcia Fontan RIP, Aniano de Mata RIP, David Ramon RIP, Mary Knight RIP		**9.30am** Holy Souls
Wed 11th November ***St Martin of Tours***	**10.30am** Funeral - Michael De Gabriele RIP	**9.30am** Buster RIP	
Thu 12th November ***St Josephat, Bishop***	**9.30am** Linda Grimes RIP		
Friday 13th November	**9.30am** Eric Walsh RIP (6th Anniv.)		
Saturday 14th November	**9.30am** Holy Souls	**6pm** Carlos Charles Borg RIP	
Sunday 15th November ***33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time***	**8.30am** Christopher, Margaret, Dora & Michael Conway RIP **11am** Josie (Ints.) **6pm** Special Intention (L.G.)	**10.30am** Patrick Vaughan RIP (25th Anniv.) & Dolie Vaughan RIP (6th Anniv.)	**9am** For the People of the Parishes
Sanctuary Lamp		This week our Sanctuary Lamp (Our Lady's) burns for Bob Livingston RIP	
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession	**Sundays 5pm - 5.40pm**	**Saturdays 5pm - 5.40pm**	**Confessions on request and by appointment**

Mass Intentions

At the Altar the priest offers Mass for the good of the whole Church and for a particular intention. Do you want a Mass offered for a particular intention? Perhaps you would like a deceased friend or relative remembered, or you would like a Mass said for someone who is sick or for your own intention. For Mass to be offered it is the tradition that a stipend is donated to contribute to the upkeep of your priests. Please contact the parish office if you would like a Mass offered over the coming weeks.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

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.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS

The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a part of the mission of our diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can make a one-off donation or you can set up a regular gift and become a Patron by completing section 4 on the envelope form. You can also donate online at rcdow.org.uk/SRP. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. Thank you.

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/

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.

DEANERY MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY OF THE WATFORD DEANERY

The clergy of Watford deanery will be celebrating a Mass on Tuesday 10th November at 12 noon at St Bede's, Croxley Green for all those priests who have served our parishes and died. All are welcome to join the deanery for this Mass.

YOUNG ADULTS

On Tuesday, November 10th at 7pm, the Young Adults of our parishes (aged 18 to roughly 35) will meet in the parish hall at Our Lady's. If you're a young Catholic, and feel it is difficult to find other young people who cherish Christian values, you might just find some consolation and develop true friendships here. For more information, contact Ben at 077 0404 9263.

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.

MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of the Parish Men's Group will be on Tuesday 1st December at Our Lady's Parish Hall at 8pm with a talk on 'St Edmund Campion' by Malcolm Golin. This will lead into going to a local pub for some social time.

GIFT YOUTH

GIFT Youth meet once a month on Sundays from 4pm - 5.45pm for all those in Year 7 and above. The next session will be on 6th December at Our Lady's Parish Hall. 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.

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

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.

COFFEE AND TEA AFTER 10.30AM MASS
Tea and coffee is available in the parish hall after the 10.30am Mass each Sunday. Do please come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

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 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