



Our Lady Help of Christians

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

30th May, 2021

Fr. Harry Curtis, Parish Priest
(Also serving Sacred Heart, Blackbird Leys)

Parish Secretary: Geraldine Griffin

Safeguarding Officer: Elizabeth Moran, lizmoran276@yahoo.com

The Presbytery, 59 Hollow Way, Cowley, Oxford, OX4 2ND.

Telephone: 01865 770 910, Email: olhoc.oxford@rcaob.org.uk

Website: www.olhoccowley.co.uk

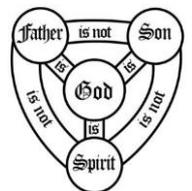
Sunday, 30 th May Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm Sunday Morning: 11.00 am	<i>Patrick Smith</i> <i>Margaret Griffin (Anniversary)</i>
Monday, 31 st May <i>Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	No Mass Today	
Tuesday, 1 st June <i>Memorial of St. Justin, Martyr</i>	7.00 pm Mass	<i>The People of the Parish</i>
Wednesday, 2 nd June <i>Optional Memorial of Ss. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs</i>	No Mass Today	
Thursday, 3 rd June <i>Memorial of St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs.</i>	No Mass Today	
Friday, 4 th June	6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	<i>Stephanie & Christine (Intentions)</i>
Saturday, 5 th June <i>Memorial of St. Boniface, Martyr</i>	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm	<i>The People of the Parish</i>
Sunday, 6 th June Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	Sunday Morning: 11.00 am	<i>Chintzia Mills (Birthday)</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		



Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians.

Today is one of the great feasts of the Church – the Most Holy Trinity, when we praise and honour God, not for anything in particular that He has done, but simply because He is God.

Next Sunday is the feast of Corpus Christi – the Body of Christ.



If you have recently moved into Our Lady's parish, or if you are returning after lockdown, please say hello to me.
Thank you.

If you wish to join us for Mass from your home, we are now live and can be viewed at
<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>

Here is a prayer, an **Act of Spiritual Communion**, which you can say as you watch a Livestream Mass:
“My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.”

First Friday. This Friday is the first of the month and we shall say the Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart before the evening Mass.

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for a Special Intention.
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Margaret Griffin RIP (Anniversary).**

Please pray for those we know who are sick, including Kate Kavanagh, Domenico Mirto and Regina Soares. If you or any family members are ill and you would like to ask for prayers on this newsletter, let me know (in writing, please). Thank you.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sr. Bruna, Patrick Griffiths, Ivor Bridgewater and for the souls of all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgr. Wilfrid Doran, Canons Benedict Tarbuck and Harry Bouchier, Frs. Joseph Lacy, Cornelius Healy, Charles Dessain (Cong. Orat.), William O'Brien, John Lane, John Crean, and Thomas Whittle and also Margaret Griffin, Delia Conroy and Maria Keady. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Renewed Appeal For More Stewards. Since Christmas a very dedicated team of stewards has done the parish proud in keeping us all safe and making Sunday Mass possible. To lighten their load could you offer your services, please? Come and see me after Mass to let me know that you would be willing to help. Thank you.

Lockdown easing. The numbers at Mass are increasing and it is lovely to see more of the young families returning each week, especially as we celebrate First Holy Communions and prepare for Confirmations. It is important that we are still sensible and maintain social distancing. Please when you come to Church, don't sit on the end of the bench if the rest of the bench is empty, this will make better use of the space and avoid people crossing over each other. **It is now possible to light votive candles (20p), but remember to allow a distance of 1 meter (+) between yourself and others.**

First Holy Communions. Congratulations to all the children who have received Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time over the past few weeks.

Confirmations. Last year, several of our young people had nearly completed their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation when the first lockdown began and everything came to a stop. I am happy to say that Emeritus Bishop William has accepted an invitation to come to Our Lady's for the evening Mass on Friday, 18th June, to administer the Sacrament. Because of the pandemic the Mass will be for the candidates and their families only, and we cannot have a party afterwards, but the Mass will be livestreamed and I ask you to join in and pray for all those involved.

Our Lady's Roof and Drains Appeal. Like most of the world during the pandemic, as a parish we have suffered financially over the last year. Our expenses have been much as usual, but our income has been halved. In addition, we have had a large bill for work on the roof over the winter, and we shall have to have the drains dug up and replaced in the next few months. To try to balance the books, during June and July there will be a special collection box at the back of the church for both of these expenses. If you can make an offering whenever you come to church it would be much appreciated. Thank you.



Missio Red Box Appeal. The missionaries, and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by COVID-19. They have asked us to

pass on their thanks for your support through prayer and generous donations, and tell us that they pray for us all. **If you have a Red Box, please bring it in to be emptied by next Sunday, 6th June.**

Diocesan Virtual Pilgrimage To Lourdes 2021: Online events are planned from Sunday 30 May to Friday 4 June inspired by this year's theme, "I am the Immaculate Conception." Please see the diocesan website for a link to the virtual pilgrimage which includes daily Masses, torchlight processions and virtual tours of the key sites in and around Lourdes.

Pastoral Letter and "The Day Of The Lord". Copies of last week's Pastoral Letter are available (on green paper). In addition, the Bishops of England and Wales have written a letter to the faithful entitled "The Day of the Lord". Copies (on white paper) are also available. In the letter the bishops pay tribute to Catholics for their faithfulness during the pandemic. They remind us of the centrality of the Eucharist to the Catholic life and put before us the invitation to return to the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

Tailpiece: A man was coming home from the pub one Sunday afternoon, rather the worse for wear, when he noticed a Baptismal service going on in the river. The Minister noticed him and said, "Brother, are you ready to find Jesus?" The man looked back and said, "Yes sir, I am." The Minister then took him by the neck, dunked him under the water and pulled him right back up. "Have you found Jesus?" the Minister asked. "No, I didn't!" said the man. The Minister dunked him under again, this time for quite a bit longer, brought him up and said, "Now brother, have you found Jesus?" "No, I did not!" said the man again. The Minister held him under again, for at least 30 seconds this time, lifted him up and demanded, "For heaven's sake, have you found Jesus yet?!?" The man wiped his eyes and pleaded, "Are you sure this is where He fell in?"

**May God bless you and all those you love.
Fr. Harry**