



Our Lady Help of Christians

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th June, 2021

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Sunday, 13 th June Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30pm Sunday Morning: 11.00 am	Sarah Mist (Get Well) The People of the Parish
Monday, 14 th June	(9.15am at Sacred Heart)	
Tuesday, 15 th June	9.15 am Mass	Jean Hitchen (Intentions)
Wednesday, 16 th June <i>Op. Mem. of St. Richard of Chichester, Bishop</i>	No Mass Today	
Thursday, 17 th June	(7.00 pm at Sacred Heart)	
Friday, 18 th June <i>Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral</i>	7.00 pm Mass with Confirmations	Nancy Lyons (Anniversary)
Saturday, 19 th June <i>Optional Memorial of St. Romuald, Abbot</i>	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30pm	Patrick White (Anniversary)
Sunday, 20 th June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day for Life</i>	Sunday Morning: 11.00 am	Dorothy Pill and Peter Rhodes (Anniversary)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.00 – 5.00 pm		

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians.

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

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.”

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.

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Chintzia Mills (Anniversary).

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for a Special Intention.

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for a Special Intention.

St. Joseph's Candles are burning this week for Sr. Norma (Intentions) and Caroline Walsh (Intentions).

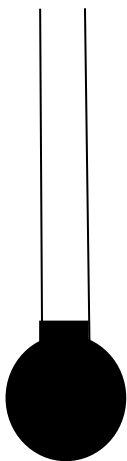
St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Tara Murray (Intentions).

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sr. Bruna, Joe McLoughlin, Albert Philips and for the souls of all who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frs. Francis Broome, Joseph Lanny, Alphonsus Power, Joseph Davenport, John Harrington, Laurence Jones, Hubert Mooney, Michael Doona and George Smith, and also Charles (Chas) McHugh, Orlando Abrunho, Sr. Brigid Cahill FMA, Patrick Donaghy and Annie (Nancy) Lyons. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Vision for the Archdiocese. This weekend we will hear Archbishop Bernard's Pastoral Letter, introducing the Archdiocese's Vision: Unfolding God's Plan. Please look out for the prayer cards in church, and feel free to share copies with those who are unable to come to Mass. You can find the Pastoral Letter in text, audio and video format on: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/vision

Confirmations. We welcome Bishop Emeritus William to Our Lady's for the evening Mass this Friday, 18th June, to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to those children who have been waiting for the past year. 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. Could all children who hope to be confirmed at this Mass come, with their sponsors, to a short practice in the church at 5.00 on Monday evening, please?

Target: £10,000



Present level:
about £300

Our Lady's Roof and Drains Appeal. Thank you so much for your generous response to this appeal so far, but we do need more, please. All contributions are welcome. We have recently had expenses for the roof and in the near future we shall have major expenses for the drains. 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.

If you are willing to help raise funds for the church in any way that is permitted by the Covid regulations (e.g. do a sponsored activity) please don't hold back.

Community Sponsorship Event. The government has just announced a long-term future for Community Sponsorship of refugees – a national scheme co-designed and piloted by Catholic parishes. All are invited to join a national Catholic celebration of the scheme via Zoom on 14th June at 6.00 pm co-hosted by Caritas Social Action (CSAN) and Reset. CSAN is the official agency for Catholic social action in England and Wales. Reset is the scheme's national training provider. Find out how you can get involved and hear from refugees and parishes about its transformative impact. To register visit: www.communitysponsorship.org.uk/events

"Putting *Laudato Si* Into Practice". There will be a talk by Dr. Sam Ewell, author and *Laudato Si* activist, on Zoom on Monday, June 14th, 7.00-8.30 pm. In Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter, "Caring for our Common Home" or *Laudato Si*, we are called to care for our common home. What determines the impact of our discipleship is our capacity to trust and to show fidelity to the promise of abundant life together (John 10:10) and the duty to care. This is an opportunity to reflect on how our following of Christ engages us with the current climate change crisis. Please email actabhm@gmail.com to register your interest.



A Thank-you Message from CAFOD: Thanks to your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. In

Zambia for instance, in the past year we've been able to reach 1,234,200 people with messages on COVID-19, provide 13,312 people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities and donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside our brothers and sisters in Zambia and for supporting people in more than 30 other countries worldwide.

First Holy Communions. Next Saturday at the 5.30pm Mass, four of our children will receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time. Please pray for them and their families.

Day for Life. The theme for the 2021 *Day for Life*, celebrated in England and Wales next **Sunday, 20th June**, centres on caring for the sick and dying. It is important we pray for a culture where life, is valued in all its vulnerability. As well as prayer it is also important to donate to support the work of pro-life organisations as they seek to promote and protect life from conception until its natural death. There will be a second collection at Masses next weekend. Please give as generously as you can. Thank you.

Tailpiece: A man went to see his parish priest. "What can I do for you, Mick?" asked the priest. "I need you to pray for my hearing, Father" said Mick. The priest put his hands on Mick's ears and prayed. When he was done, he asked, "So how's your hearing now?" "I don't know, Father," said Mick. "It doesn't come up until next Tuesday."

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