



Our Lady Help of Christians

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th June, 2021

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Sunday, 20 th June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day for Life</i>	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30pm Sunday Morning: 11.00 am	<i>Patrick White (Anniversary)</i> <i>Dorothy Pill and Peter Rhodes (Anniversary)</i>
Monday, 21 st June <i>Memorial of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious</i>	<i>(9.15am at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Peter Rhodes (Anniversary)</i>
Tuesday, 22 nd June <i>Feast of Ss John Fisher & Thomas More, Martyrs</i>	9.15 am Mass	<i>Bridget White (Anniversary)</i>
Wednesday, 23 rd June <i>Op. Mem. of St. Etheldreda (Audrey), Abbess</i>	No Mass Today	
Thursday, 24 th June Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist	<i>(7.00 pm at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Mary Quigley</i>
Friday, 25 th June	10.30 am Requiem Mass <i>6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction</i> <i>7.00 pm Mass</i>	<i>Sr. Bruna Livieri</i> <i>Sasha Wernberg-Moller</i>
Saturday, 26 th June	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30pm	<i>Jim Kilfeather</i>
Sunday, 27 th June Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday Morning: 11.00 am	<i>The People of the Parish</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

Happy Father's Day today to all Dads

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 **Mr & Mrs G. Cook RIP (Anniversary)**.

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week in **Thanksgiving**.

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for **Jean (Get Well)**.

St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for **Margaret Upham**.

St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for **Sr. Bruna Livieri**.

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: Mgr. Peter William Stonier, Mgr. Hugh Montgomery, Frs. Eric Morgan, Arthur Proudman, Geoffrey Tucker, Thomas M Browne, John Boyer, James Walsh and Deacon Ralph Watkins, and also Peggy Doherty, Patrick White, Peter Rhodes, Pearl Flanagan, Bridget (Delia) White and Maddalena (Lena) Puma. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. The Requiem Mass for Sr. Bruna will be here at Our Lady's on Friday morning at 10.30 am.

Live Streaming. We use live streaming to enable:

- Housebound parishioners to engage with Mass from home;
- Relatives/friends who cannot attend a baptism/wedding/funeral to engage with it;
- The tabernacle to be used as a focus for prayer for those who cannot get to church;
- Evangelisation: enabling those who cannot or do not attend church for any reason to engage with acts of worship.

It is great that we can share our celebrations in this way. However, please be aware of the following:

- The images are made available live over the internet, and can be accessed by anyone who wishes to do so.
- There is a camera focussed on the sanctuary which is live streaming at all times.
- Those who do not wish to have their image live streamed should avoid the front half of the church. Pews from which images can be seen have notices on them. If you do not wish to come to the front of the church for Holy Communion, please speak to Fr. Harry before Mass.

First Holy Communions. Please pray for the children who will be making their First Holy Communion at the Saturday 5.30pm Mass this weekend.

From the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter that was read last week: "I invite you to think about the four essential aspects of our diocesan mission:

"Evangelisation – Encouraging others to know God's love for them by inviting them to church, to pray and to encounter Christ – inviting them to parish groups where they can learn about Our Lord - helping to form missionary disciples and missionary parishes.

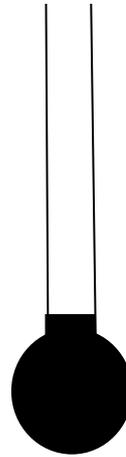
"Formation - Nurturing future Catholic leaders in our churches and schools by providing both spiritual and pastoral formation and support – helping us to play an active role in the parish community - helping us to understand more about our faith so as to deepen our personal relationship with God.

"Liturgy and Worship - Invigorating and deepening our worship and sacramental celebrations so that we share in and reflect the divine life of the Trinity - encouraging others to join us in praying to our Heavenly Father.

"Social Outreach - Building up the common good through our charitable outreach - offering our time, our resources and our love to those who need them most - inviting others to join us in our charitable work.

Please remember to think about what you can do in these four areas, and what we can do as a community, as we move forward together, out of the pandemic.

Target: £10,000



Present level:
about £600

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 can help raise funds for the church (e.g. do a sponsored activity) please don't hold back.

Day for Life. Today in England and Wales we are celebrating the annual *Day for Life*. This is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The theme for this year centres on caring for the sick and dying. As well as prayer it is also important to support the work of pro-life organisations as they seek to promote and protect life from conception until its natural death. There are envelopes on your seats in church and if you wish to support the work of those organisations please put your offering in those envelopes and as you leave at the end of Mass put them into the collection bags along with your offering for the church. Thank you.

Tailpiece: With all the interest in football at the moment I thought this might be appropriate: Two men had been friends for years, when one of them suddenly fell ill. The other came to visit him on his deathbed, and they were reminiscing about the happy times they shared, especially playing or watching football. The friend said, "Listen, when you die, do me a favour. I want to know if there's football in heaven." The dying man said, "If I can, I'll let you know." And then he died. A couple of nights later, the man was sleeping when he heard his friend's voice. The voice said, "I've got some good news and some bad news. The good news is that there is football in heaven." "What's the bad news?" "You're playing in goal next Wednesday."

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