



# Our Lady Help of Christians

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2021

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Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> July <b>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30pm</b> <b>Sunday Morning: 11.00 am</b>	The People of the Parish Fr. Jim McGloin
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July Optional Memorial of St. Modwen, or of Blessed George Nichols & Companions, or of St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria	(9.15 am at Sacred Heart)	Antonio G Nazianzeno Dos Santos
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> July Op. Mem. of St. Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr	No Mass Today	
Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> July	No Mass Today	
Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> July	No Mass Today	
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July Op. Memorial of St. Augustine Zhao Rong, & Companions, Martyrs	6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Thomas Griffin (Anniversary)
Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30pm</b>	The People of the Parish
Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> July <b>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Sunday Morning: 11.00 am</b>	Brenda Nuttall (Birthday)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 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."*

**Collections during May:** 2<sup>nd</sup> May, £418.24; Gift Aid: £110.00

9<sup>th</sup> May, £427.22; Gift Aid: £200.00. 16<sup>th</sup> May, £302.79; Gift Aid: £128.00

23<sup>rd</sup> May, £500.67; Gift Aid: £154.00. 30<sup>th</sup> May, £361.35; Gift Aid: £141.00

**Direct Debit Donations (May):** £1,356.00. **Clergy Training Fund:** £303.52. Thank you.

**Annual Retreat.** I shall be away on Retreat from Monday-Friday this week. I am sorry that this means there will be no Mass here on Tuesday morning and no streaming of Morning Prayer after Monday until Saturday. Please pray for me and I shall pray for you.

**Please pray for those we know who are sick, including 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 Ellen Gaughan (Intentions).

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Mary Ruston.

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Lucy Lynch.

St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for Thomas Griffin RIP (Anniversary).

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sr. Bruna Livieri FMA, Joe McLoughlin, Florinda Louise Turner and all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgr. Louis McRaye, Frs. Michael Cullinan, Henry Hayward, Leonard (Leo) Joppe, William Rooney, Vincent Armishaw, Joseph Pires, Michael Gaffney, Bernard Thomas Maddox, Brendan Mary Donlon and Deacon Anthony Bateman, and also Thomas Griffin. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

**Sea Sunday.** Next Sunday is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a collection for Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. For an appeal talk from Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday). To donate and for more information, please visit: [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate) or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Thank you.

**Ordinations to the Permanent Diaconate.** Please pray for Jim, Peter and Krzysztof who are being ordained in St. Chad's this Sunday, and for their families.

**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.** The Holy Father has designated 25<sup>th</sup> July the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Lianne Pap, the Marriage and Family Life Coordinator in the Diocese, has sent this message about Diocesan Initiatives:

- **Photos**

*As a diocese I would like to compile some images of grandchildren giving their grandparents a hug (or a virtual hug if they are not able to meet in person). These can be emailed to me or I can be tagged on social media, <https://www.facebook.com/familyministrybrum>; <https://twitter.com/FamilyMinistry>.*

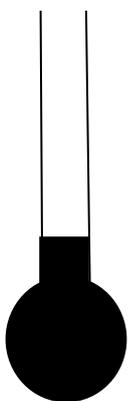
- **Words of Wisdom**

*What wise words do you remember that your grandparents or elderly have passed onto you?*

- **Grandparents groups**

*As a diocese I would like to establish parish-based grandparents groups which will be affiliated to the Catholic Grandparents Association. They would be for grandparents (& honorary grandparents) to meet monthly for prayer, encouragement in passing on the faith, ongoing formation and friendship.*

Target: £10,000



Present level:  
about £1,200

**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. For the rest of this month there is a special collection box at the back of the church for the roof and drains appeal. 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 do.

**Parish Finances.** Running Our Lady's church this year will cost just over £70,000. But we expect income to be only about £50,000. That leaves a gap of about £20,000.

**giftaid it!** One painless way to help is by gift aiding your present donations. If you don't already gift aid your donations to Our Lady's could we ask you to consider doing so, please?

- You will need to complete a gift aid declaration form. This is a simple form (name, address, and signature) that gives us permission to reclaim tax from the Inland Revenue that you have paid.
- There is no cost to you to gift aid your donations.
- To be eligible you need to be a UK taxpayer.
- For every £1.00 you donate we can claim back 25p.
- You must have paid enough tax to cover what we will claim back. For example, if you donate £10.00 to Our Lady's we can claim back £2.50. So, you will have needed to pay a least £2.50 in tax.
- You can donate using envelopes or by direct debit.
- This doesn't commit you to giving a regular amount every week. You can give a set amount on a regular basis or be flexible in what you give and when.
- You can leave the scheme at any time.

If you would like to sign up for gift aid, please see Fr. Harry or contact Geraldine in the parish office by email or phone for further information. Thank you.

**Syro-Malabar Catholic Community in Oxfordshire.** Next Sunday (1.00-6.00) we welcome Bishop Mar Joseph Srampickal and members of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Community to Our Lady's for the celebration of Mass and the First Holy Communion of thirteen children.

**Ask your MP to vote against abortion up to birth.**

The abortion lobby will bring forward an amendment to a Bill to **introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth** to England and Wales. This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would leave England and Wales with one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. This radical proposal will probably be voted on by MPs this Monday. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool that makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to vote against the motion. Please click the link to contact your MP. It only takes 30 seconds! [www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth)

**Tailpiece:** A teacher was fed up with one of her pupils coming into the classroom without shutting the door behind him, so one day after the latest failing she exclaimed, "Who was born in a barn, then?" Without blinking the little child replied, "Jesus, Miss!"

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