



# Our Lady Help of Christians

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11<sup>th</sup> July, 2021

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Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> July <b>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Sea Sunday</i>	<b>Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30pm</b> <b>Sunday Morning: 11.00 am</b>	<i>The People of the Parish</i> <i>Brenda Nuttall (Birthday)</i>
Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>(9.15 am at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Kathleen McGarry</i> <i>(Anniversary)</i>
Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> July <i>Optional Memorial of St. Henry</i>	9.15 am Mass	<i>Teodrico D'Souza</i> <i>(Birthday)</i>
Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July <i>Op. Memorial of St. Camillus de Lellis</i>	No Mass Today	
Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup> July <i>Memorial of St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Jim Maguire</i>
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> July <i>Op. Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	<i>(9.30 am Leavers' Mass at St. John Fisher School)</i> <i>(4.00 pm Leavers' Mass at Our Lady's School)</i> 6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	<i>Ellen Gaughan (Get well)</i>
Saturday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July <i>Op. Mem. of Bl. John Sugar &amp; Robert Grissold, Martyrs</i> <i>or of St. Kenelm, Prince of Mercia</i>	<b>Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30pm</b>	<i>The People of the Parish</i>
Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> July <b>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Sunday Morning: 11.00 am</b> 3.30 pm Baptism 4.30 pm Baptism	<i>Danny Lyons (Anniversary)</i> <i>Connor Aspel</i> <i>Aizza Luiza Albuquerque</i>
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."*

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 the Parish.

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Lisa Birch and Martin Atherton.

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

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Florinda Louise Turner** and the souls of all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgr. John Power, Canon Francis J. Grady, Frs. Anthony Maguire, Seamus Hetheron, Gordon Hunter, John Molyneux, Plunkett Shannon, Edmund Whelan, Brian Halton, Geoffrey Wamsley, CO, Arthur Warburton and Philip Cleary, and also Catherine (Angie) Aveyard. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

**Thank you** for your prayers for me during the last week while I was on Retreat. It was an excellent Retreat with much to reflect on. I kept all of you in my prayers.

**Sea Sunday.** Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a collection at Masses this weekend 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.

**Future Parish Events.** As I am sure you will understand, it is very difficult to make definite plans for the near future, but here are a few ideas:

- **Towards the end of the summer (perhaps Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> August) it would be great to have a parish party.** What I have in mind is a time when we can enjoy being back together as a parish family with no formal start or ending to proceedings. Just bring your own food, and come and go at your leisure between 12-4pm. Free tea, coffee, soft drinks and wine will be served throughout the afternoon.
- **A Day of Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers.**
- **A course for anyone who would like to be received into the Church or who would simply like to know more about the Faith.**
- **Bible Study or Prayer Groups.**

**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/FamilyMinstry>).*

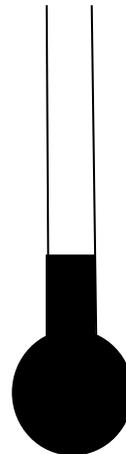
- **Words of Wisdom**

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

- **Grandparents groups**

*I would like to establish parish-based grandparents groups. 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 £2,311

**Our Lady's Roof and Drains Appeal.** A big thank you to all of you who have donated so generously to our Emergency Appeal. So far, in just a few weeks we have reached nearly a quarter of our target. AMAZING!! May God bless you all. For the rest of this month the collection box will remain at the back of the church. All contributions are welcome.

**If you can help raise funds** for the church (e.g. do a sponsored activity) please do.

If you would like to sign up for gift aid so that we can reclaim money from the taxman, please see Fr. Harry or contact Geraldine in the parish office by email or phone for further information. Thank you.



**Congratulations to Leandro** who will receive Our Lord for the first time in Holy Communion at the 5.30 Mass this weekend.

**Syro-Malabar Catholic Community in Oxfordshire.** This Sunday afternoon we welcome Bishop Mar Joseph Srampickal and members of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Community to Our Lady's for a First Holy Communion Mass.

**Tailpiece:** "The 23<sup>rd</sup> Channel":

*The TV is my shepherd,  
there is nothing I shall want.  
It makes me to lie down on the sofa.  
It leads me in the paths of sex and violence.*

*Yeah, though I walk in the shadow of Christian responsibility,  
there will be no interruption,  
for the TV is with me.  
Its cable and its remote control,  
they comfort me.*

*It prepares a commercial for me  
in the presence of my worldliness;  
It anoints my head with humanism and consumerism;  
my coveting runneth over.*

*Surely, laziness and superficiality shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house watching TV  
for ever and ever.*

**May God bless you and all those you love, and if you are following the football I hope you have a great evening. Fr. Harry**