



Our Lady Help of Christians

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th August, 2021

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Sunday, 8 th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30pm Sunday Morning: 11.00 am 3.00 pm Baptism	<i>Abhimanyu Joshi</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i> <i>Theodore Alexander River</i> <i>Rowbotham</i>
Monday, 9 th August <i>Feast of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Martyr, Patron of Europe</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Europe</i>	<i>(9.15 am at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Dorothy Gardner (speedy recovery)</i>
Tuesday, 10 th August <i>Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr</i>	9.15 am Mass	<i>Patrick Bailey (Anniversary)</i>
Wednesday, 11 th August <i>Memorial of St. Clare, Virgin</i>	No Mass Today	
Thursday, 12 th August <i>Op. Mem. of St. Jane Frances de Chantal</i>	<i>(7.00 pm at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Michael Cullen</i>
Friday, 13 th August <i>Op. Mem. of Blessed William Freeman, or St. Pontian & St. Hippolytus, Martyrs</i>	6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	<i>Maria Elvina Gonsalvez</i>
Saturday, 14 th August <i>Mem. of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Martyr</i>	11.00 am Baptisms Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30pm	<i>Lazaro and Ramos D'Costa</i> <i>Pat Daines (Anniversary)</i>
Sunday, 15 th August Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Sunday Morning: 11.00 am	<i>Sean O'Meara (Anniversary)</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."

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for a Special Intention.

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Abhimanyu Joshi.

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for David and Alison Pill (19th Wedding Anniversary).

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Magee, and the souls of all who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgr. Canon Bernard Manion, Frs. Basil Lynch CO, Michael Day CO, Denis Manion, John Clavin, Thomas Dennison, Michael Francis McGrath, and also Patrick Bailey, Patricia Daines, Sean O'Meara and Bridget (Bridie) Keane. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Prayer at the end of Mass:

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! *Pray for us, O holy Mother of God*, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

COVID REGULATIONS.

- Hand sanitising is still **recommended**.
- Face coverings are still **strongly recommended** in church.
- Adequate ventilation is still a priority.
- The individual desire for social distancing still needs to be respected.
- Holy water fonts are to remain unfilled.
- The sign of peace remains suspended.
- Please continue to sign in for the Track and Trace, either on the sheets or by using the QR code.
- Holy Communion will be under one Kind.
- Congregational singing may be reintroduced. Musicians, please take note (no pun intended), **but those who want to join in with the singing should wear a mask at this time.**

The church will be open for private prayer on Saturdays (to start with), 8.00 am to 8.00 pm.

Next Sunday. If you use a Sunday Missal to prepare and follow the prayers and readings of the Sunday Mass please note that next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven.

Thank you to the people who have worked so hard on the lawns and borders around the church. It's been a great help, and it has made a big difference.

Your Parish Needs YOU!! Please join in.

So many ministries and activities have been "mothballed" during the lockdowns that I don't really know who does what normally. So can I ask for help, please? There are yellow leaflets inviting you to volunteer for different things. It is the chance to re-start things, or perhaps to start something new in the parish. Please ask yourself if you would like to be part of the re-awakening of our parish and fill in the leaflet and leave it in the box in the church porch by the end of August.

Future Parish Events. Here are a few ideas:

- **Parish Party, Sunday, 29th August, noon-4.00 pm.** Just bring your own food and come and go as you wish. There will be games and a BBQ. Free tea, coffee, soft drinks and wine will be served throughout the afternoon. It will need to be a community effort if it is to work – cleaners, furniture carriers, people to make and serve drinks, people to bring and organise games. And let's all pray for good weather!
- **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.**

Annual Novena of Prayer for the Cause of Blessed Dominic Barberi. The annual Novena of Prayer in the Archdiocese will begin on 18th August and end on the Feast of Blessed Dominic, 26th August.

Novena Prayer for the

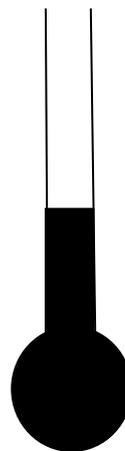
Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi

O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will, in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church.

Mary, Mother of Holy Hope, Pray for us.
St. John Henry Newman, Pray for us.
Blessed Dominic Barberi, Pray for us.

Please pray for those we know who are sick. 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.

Target: £10,000



Our Lady's Roof and Drains Appeal.

The appeal continues to make progress, thanks to your generosity, and we are now standing at over £4,500. That is wonderful news, but we still have a long way to go. The collection box (built by the children in Year 5 at Our Lady's school) will remain at the back of the church for another month. All contributions are welcome. Thank you all.

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

Present level: about £4,534

March for Life UK. March for Life UK is happening on Saturday, 4th September, in London. This is an actual, in-person event that will hopefully inspire, educate and motivate our nation to value all life from the moment of conception. Further details to follow.

Tailpiece: Two small boys were on their way home from school where they had been learning about the importance of saying their prayers. One was doubtful if his mother said her nightly prayers, but the other little chap was quite certain about it. "Oh, yes," he said. "My Mummy prays every night. As soon as I go to bed I hear her say, 'Thank God!'"

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