



Our Lady Help of Christians

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

15th August, 2021

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Sunday, 15 th August Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30pm Sunday Morning: 11.00 am	<i>Pat Daines (Anniversary)</i> <i>Sean O'Meara (Anniversary)</i>
Monday, 16 th August <i>Op. Memorial of St. Stephen of Hungary</i>	<i>(9.15 am at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Thomas Flynn</i>
Tuesday, 17 th August	No Public Mass Today	<i>Marion Boggis (Get well)</i>
Wednesday, 18 th August Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	No Public Mass Today	<i>P J Grealish</i>
Thursday, 19 th August <i>Op. Memorial of St. John Eudes, Priest.</i> Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	No Public Mass Today	<i>Elizabeth John - Thanksgiving</i>
Friday, 20 th August <i>Memorial of St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church</i> Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	7.00 pm Mass	<i>Beatrice Upham (Birthday)</i>
Saturday, 21 st August <i>Memorial of Pope St. Pius X</i> Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	<i>3.00 pm Baptism</i> Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30pm	<i>Nadio Soares Rodrigues</i> <i>Robert Curtis (Birthday)</i>
Sunday, 22 nd August Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	Sunday Morning: 11.00 am <i>3.00 pm Baptism</i>	<i>Laurie Debono</i> <i>Amelie Heap</i>

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.mcmedia.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 Beatrice Upham (Birthday).

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Robert Curtis (Birthday).

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for John and Kathleen Pill (59th Wedding Anniversary).

St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Patrick Downes.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maria Mirto, and the souls of all who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Cardinal Bernard William Griffin, Canon Bernard Cusworth, Frs. Leslie McCallum, Kevin Keany, Terence Smith and Patrick Cooney, Deacon Douglas Taylor, Margaret Joan (Peggy) Gleeson, Michael (Stephen) Keane, Joe Barrett, Annie Ryan, Patricia Daines and Gabrielle Crawforth. 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.

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

Your Parish Needs YOU!! Please join in.

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.

Parish Fun Day on Sunday 29th August, 12.00 noon to 4.00 pm. A last blast of summer holiday! **No charge, but everyone can help!** Would you support it by coming along? We are not allowed to “bring and share” yet, so 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. We still need some games for the children, so if you have things that can be set up in the carpark, perhaps goalposts and (soft) footballs, please let me know and bring them along. And let’s all pray for good weather!. It will need to be a community effort if it is to work – cleaners, furniture movers, people to make and serve drinks. We shall have a quick meeting after the 5.30 Mass next Saturday to check that things are in place and people know what they are doing. Thank you.

Annual Novena of Prayer for the Cause of Blessed Dominic Barberi. The annual Novena of Prayer in the Archdiocese begins this week, on Wednesday, 18th August, and it goes on until the Feast of Blessed Dominic, 26th August. Please join the Archbishop and the family of the Diocese as we say the Novena Prayer:

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.

Target: £10,000



Present level: about £6,250

Our Lady’s Roof and Drains Appeal. We have recently had some very generous donations, and our total is now standing at £6,250. That is wonderful news. The collection box (built by the children in Year 5 at Our Lady’s school) will remain at the back of the church for the rest of this 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.

Please pray for Domenico Mirto and all those we know who are sick. If you would like to ask for prayers on this newsletter, please let me know.

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.



Holidays. I shall be away for the second part of my summer break this week, from Monday, 16th August, until Friday, 20th August. There will be no Mass here on Tuesday or Confessions here on Friday. I shall offer Mass for the intentions listed while I am away.

Baptisms: We welcome into the family of the Church Theodore Rowbotham who was baptised here last Sunday, and Lazaro and Ramos Da Costa who were baptised here this weekend. Please pray for them and also for Nadio Soares Rodrigues and Amelie Heap who will be baptised here next weekend.

Tailpiece: On the Feast of the Assumption, here’s one about heaven. A heckler once mockingly asked a Catholic public speaker whether there would be toilets in heaven. The speaker noted, “Apparently the poor fellow was unable to bear the thought of an eternity without a wall to write on.”

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