



Our Lady Help of Christians

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

29th August, 2021

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Sunday, 29 th August Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30pm Sunday Morning: 11.00 am	<i>Martin and Bridie Keane RIP</i> <i>John Pill (Birthday)</i>
Monday, 30 th August <i>Optional Memorial of Ss. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward, Martyrs</i>	<i>(9.15 am at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>George Gardner (Get well)</i>
Tuesday, 31 st August <i>Optional Memorial of St. Aidan, Bishop, and the Saints of Lindisfarne</i>	No Public Mass today	
Wednesday, 1 st September World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	7.00 pm Mass	<i>Martin Rock Grealish</i>
Thursday, 2 nd September	1.00 pm Requiem Mass <i>(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Maria Mirto</i> <i>Christo (Thanksgiving)</i>
Friday, 3 rd September <i>Feast of Pope St. Gregory the Great, Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction</i> <i>7.00 pm Mass</i>	<i>Mick Iagoe (Brthday)</i>
Saturday, 4 th September <i>Optional Memorial of St. Cuthbert, Bishop</i>	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm, with the Baptism of	<i>Antonio D'Souza</i> <i>Kim Harris</i>
Sunday, 5 th September Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday Morning: 11.00 am, with the Baptism of <i>3.00 pm Baptism</i>	<i>Pat Atherton (Birthday)</i> <i>Thalia Tavarres</i> <i>Mark Ossuetta</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians, especially if you are returning following the pandemic or here for the Bank Holiday. If you have time, please come and say hello to me after Mass.

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 Mick Iagoe (Birthday).

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brenda Browning, Maria Mirto, and the souls of all who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgr Canons Laurence Emery and Leonard Emery, Mgr. James Crichton, Canons Laurence Hogarty and Joseph Nightingale, Frs. Francis Toole, Brendan O'Malley, J. Basil Singleton, Bernard Salt, Thomas O'Doherty and James J. Holland, and also John Joseph Patrick O'Connor, Sr. Iolanda Marsella FMA. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

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.

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.

Parish Fun Day.

It is today!

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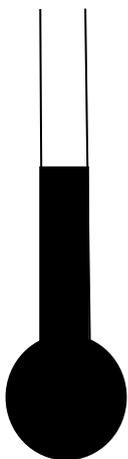
Come and play.

12.00 noon to 4.00 pm. No charge.

A last blast of summer holiday! 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 from the Don Bosco Centre throughout the afternoon. I hope to see you there.

Parking. I am sorry, but for today (Sunday), because of the party this afternoon, the parking in the carpark will be restricted to those with disability badges. There is limited parking in the Convent (many thanks to Sr. Norma and the community there for making this available).

Target: £10,000



Our Lady's Roof and Drains Appeal. We have recently had some very generous donations, and our total is now standing at £6,420. 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 and will be available during the party. 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 £6,420

1st September. Pope Francis has established the first day of September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. This is the start of the Season of Creation (1st September to 4th October).

The Pope Francis Catholic MAC in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, which currently comprises eleven Catholic schools in Oxfordshire, two secondary and nine primary schools, wants to appoint a Governance Manager. For further details and to apply, please follow this link: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/bgn-oxon>

First Holy Communion Preparation. As you know, the pandemic has messed up our usual calendar of preparation. To "catch up" I should like to have two programmes of preparation. Starting on Monday, 27th September at 3.30 there will be a series of instructions for children aged 9 or over on 1st September, 2021. After Christmas there will be another programme for those aged 8 on 1st September, 2021. **Parents, if your child is aged 9+ and has not made his or her First Holy Communion yet, please email me with the details.** Catechists, can we have a short meeting on Friday, 10th September at 3.30, please? Thank you.

Do you want to become a Catholic?

Do you know anyone who wants to be a Catholic?

Do you know anyone who is lapsed from their faith but would like to know more so that they can come back?

Do YOU want to know more about your faith?

I am planning a series of meetings on Monday evenings, starting on Monday, 27th September at 7.00 pm. The meetings will be "live" in the Don Bosco Centre, but they will also be Zoomed to people who do not want to attend in person. Everyone is welcome. Please mention this to anyone you know who may be interested.

CAFOD responding to multiple emergencies across the world. You can read about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters & brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news..>

The annual diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage, Saturday 9th October, 12.00 noon at St Chad's Cathedral. The Mass is open to all married couples, and those preparing to marry in 2021 but you will need to register a place via email –marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk Closing date to register for the Mass is 1st October.

Tailpiece: A priest was once summoned urgently to the sickbed of a woman in a neighbouring parish. He was rather puzzled why he had been called because he knew that she was a devoted member of her own parish, so he asked the daughter, "It's flattering that your mother wanted to see me in her illness. Is your own priest away?" "Oh, no," answered the child, "He's home. Only we thought it might be something contagious – and we didn't want to take any risks."

May God bless you and all those you love.

Fr. Harry