



Our Lady Help of Christians

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th September, 2021

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Sunday, 26 th September Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year Day of Prayer of thanksgiving for the harvest	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Sunday Morning: 11.00 am	The People of the Parish Anthony Armstrong
Monday, 27 th September <i>Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart)	Ross and Doyle Families
Tuesday, 28 th September <i>Op. Mem. of St. Wenceslaus or Ss. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs</i>	7.30 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Nan Mooney (10 th Anniversary)
Wednesday, 29 th September <i>Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels</i>	No Mass Today	
Thursday, 30 th September <i>Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest</i>	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Rolly Balbag
Friday, 1 st October <i>Memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus</i> CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 4.00 pm Baptisms 6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Miguel and Nina Serrano Arthur Upham (Anniv.)
Saturday, 2 nd October <i>Memorial of the Guardian Angels</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 4.00 pm Baptism Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm	Yoona Maxanches Freitas Mary Mist (Anniversary)
Sunday, 3 rd October Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Sunday Morning: 11.00 am	Mary O'Connell & Pat O'Connell
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians.

If you are here with us for the first time today, welcome. If you are returning to Mass after a period of time away because of the pandemic, welcome back! It is lovely to see you again today. If you are a new student at Oxford or Oxford Brookes University, welcome to Oxford and to our parish. Welcome too to returning students whose digs this year are in our parish. We would love you to make your home with us during your time at university.

I think the time has come to ask everyone here today to encourage others to return to Mass soon, please. A personal invitation may be just the encouragement some people are needing. You can assure them that the church is ventilated, masks are worn, sanitiser used, the benches are cleaned, and parishioners respect the need to be careful. If people are nervous about coming to Sunday Mass, they can start with a weekday Mass (Tuesday morning or Friday evening). The feast is ready, all that is needed is the guests. Come to the wedding feast.

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 Angela Keown.
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Sr. Pat's Intentions.
St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for Mothers and Fathers of all Priests.
St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Susan Crown (Intentions).

Please pray for Domenico Mirto and all those we know who are sick. And please pray for Sola Adewumi and Adedamola Falolu. If you would like your name to be included on the newsletter to be prayed for, please let me know.

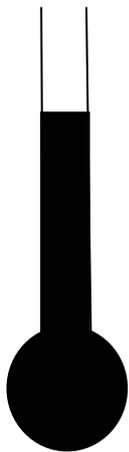
Please pray for the repose of the souls of Br. Ambrose May OFM Cap, Deacon Michael McGrail, Brian Harper, Nuala Scarisbrick, Doreen Watkins, Pamela Campbell and all who have died recently or whose anniversaries occur at this time: Pope John Paul I, Mgrs. Michael McTernan and Henry Farrelly, Canon Peter Reilly, Frs. Gordon Banks, Paul Orchard, Edward Cotter, Laurence Daly, Denis Mary Egan, Luke Magee CP, William McGann, John Nightingale, Deacons Anthony (Tony) Colby and John Burrows and also Robert Ghartey. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Br. Ambrose May OFM Cap RIP. Br. Ambrose passed away peacefully at Greyfriars Friary. He was born in Oxford just over 88 years ago in Cowley Road and most recently has been parish priest at Greyfriars until 2011. The Requiem Mass will be at St Edmund and St Frideswide, 182 Iffley Rd, Oxford, OX4 1SB tomorrow, Monday, 27th September, 10.00 am.

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.

Target: £10,000



Present level: c. £7,560

Roof and Drains Appeal.

Thanks to some more generous donations this week our thermometer has passed the three-quarter mark; hurrah! but we are still short of our target.

The collection box has now been removed from the church, but any contributions that you may wish to make are still very welcome.

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

Thank you all.

First Holy Communion Preparation: starting tomorrow, Monday, 27th September at 3.30 pm for children aged 9 or over on 1st September, 2021.

CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day, next Friday, 1st October. Next Friday we are asked to give up some food and give the money that we save to help CAFOD in their work among people who do not have a choice about whether they go hungry. Thank you.

Pope's Prayer Intention for October: Missionary Disciples. We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being a witness of a life flavoured by the Gospel.

Father Hudson's Care. At Masses this weekend, there will be a second collection for Father Hudson's Care to support their mission of supporting vulnerable people across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Father Hudson's reaches out to people of all ages who need support at times of adversity. Please call 01675 434000 if you would like to donate outside of Mass this year or visit [Donate | Father Hudson's Care \(fatherhudsons.org.uk\)](https://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk) to give online. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

Welcome to the members of the Salesian Old Boys' Association who will be here next Sunday for their final reunion Mass and meeting. May God bless them.

Tailpiece: Something a bit different this week. When Our Lord was crucified there was a notice over His head written in Latin, Greek and Hebrew. Where or when could you come across a combination of those three languages today? A *small* prize for the first person who brings me the right answer – which is what I say it is!

May God bless you and all those you love.

Fr. Harry

CATHOLICISM MADE SIMPLE

Starting tomorrow, Monday, at 7.00 pm, there will be a series of meetings on Monday evenings for anyone who wants to know more about the Catholic Faith. The meetings will be "live" in the Don Bosco Centre, but they may also be Zoomed to people who do not want to attend in person (please email me for an invitation if you wish this). Everyone is welcome.