



# *Our Lady Help of Christians*

## *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### *24<sup>th</sup> October, 2021*

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Sunday, 24 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Thirtieth Sunday of the Year</b> <i>World Mission Sunday</i>	<b>Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm</b> <i>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i> <b>Sunday Morning: 11.00 am</b> <i>2.00 pm Baptism</i>	<i>Eugenia Perreira Lobato (Anniv.)</i>  <i>Maria D'Souza</i> <i>Emmet Murphy-Spiers</i>
Monday, 25 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i> <i>(9.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Gerard Doyle (Speedy recovery)</i>
Tuesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Opt. Memorial of St. Cedd, Bishop</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i> <i>9.15 am Mass</i>	<i>Rhea D'Souza</i>
Wednesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> October	No Public Mass Today	<i>Virginia Phillips (Get well)</i>
Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Feast of Ss. Simon &amp; Jude, Apostles</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i> <i>(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Marion McCarthy (KM)</i>
Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i> <i>6.00 pm Exposition &amp; Benediction</i> <i>7.00 pm Mass</i>	<i>Barbara Rank</i>
Saturday, 30 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i> <b>Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm</b>	<i>Arthur Upham (Birthday)</i>
Sunday, 31 <sup>st</sup> October <b>Solemnity of All Saints</b>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i> <b>Sunday Morning: 11.00 am</b>	<i>Anne Rhodes &amp; Peter Rhodes</i>
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 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.”*

#### **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.*

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Our Parish Community.**

**Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Bridie Barry (Intentions).**

**St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Alice and Lewis for their wedding.**

**Next Sunday** we shall celebrate the **Solemnity of All Saints** (transferred from Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> November). **All Souls Day** will, of course, remain on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, when there will be Mass at 9.15 am and we shall be joined by children from Our Lady's School. We shall pray for the souls in Purgatory, especially those who have no-one to pray for them.

Please pray for Domenico Mirto, James Brown, Katherine Raj 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 Mary Harrington, Sean Delaney, and all who have died recently or whose anniversaries occur around this time: Frs. Edward Burbage, Patrick Moore, John Francis McGovern, Bernard Kelly, John O'Dwyer and Patrick O'Sullivan, and also Betty Etheridge, Shirley Matthews, Elizabeth (Pat) Smith, Frances Aprea and Sean Bates. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

**The Catholic Universe Newspaper.** The *Catholic Universe* newspaper is to return as a digital, website-based publication. See [universecatholicweekly.co.uk](http://universecatholicweekly.co.uk) The first digital edition is available free. A year's subscription direct to your computer, tablet or smart phone is £20.

#### World Mission Sunday.

Today the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your prayers and donations will support the work of missionaries as they share God's mercy and love.

#### Roof and Drains Appeal.

The collection box has now been removed from the church, but we are still collecting, and any contributions that you may wish to make for our appeal are very welcome. Thank you.

**Christmas cards, Mass cards and candles** are now on sale in the Repository (at the back of the church). Also 2022 Catholic diaries. Please remember to respect social distancing around the Repository.

**Baptism.** This weekend we welcome Emmet Murphy-Spiers into the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for him and his family.

**Salesian Cooperators meeting.** Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2.30 pm, Elmthorpe Convent. Service for Deceased Cooperators. Parishioners are very welcome. Please contact Chris Baker 01865 770102.

**November is approaching, and it is the month when we traditionally pray for those who have died:**

- **November Prayers for the Dead.** There are memorial slips available on the altar rails to write the names of those for whom you wish to pray during November. Place the slips in the basket in front of the altar and they will be remembered at Mass throughout the month.

- The Archbishop will be offering Mass in St Chad's Cathedral on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, at 11.30 am for those who have died during the pandemic and for all healthcare and frontline workers who have supported our local communities during the last eighteen months. We can join with his intention especially

during our 11.00 am Mass that Sunday.

- **Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the North Oxford Deanery.** Every year the clergy of the Deanery celebrate Mass together for their deceased brothers. You are welcome to join us to pray for your priests. This year it will be on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November (details still to be decided).
- **Parish Memorial Mass for those in the parish who have died,** especially those whose funerals have been held here during the past year, on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 11.00 am. If you would like anyone's name to be included, please let me know. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Don Bosco Centre. All are welcome.
- **Remembrance Sunday.** Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> November.

**Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus**  
Prayer of invocation to the Holy Spirit for an ecclesial assembly of governance or discernment (thus synodal).  
This prayer has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, being attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636). As we are called to embrace this synodal path of the Synod 2021-2023, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to operate within us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

***We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.***

We shall have a short service after the 11.00 am Mass to lay a wreath at the foot of the cross and pray for those who have died in war and for peace.



#### Tailpiece:

There once was a pious young priest  
Who lived almost wholly on yeast.  
He said, "It is plain  
We must all rise again.  
And I want to get started at least."

**May God bless you and all those you love.**

**Fr. Harry**

**P.S. British Summertime ends.** The clocks change next Saturday night/Sunday morning. Don't forget to get your extra hour in bed.

