



Our Lady Help of Christians

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7th November, 2021

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Sunday, 7 th November Thirty-second Sunday of the Year	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Sunday Morning: 11.00 am (3.00 pm Blessing of Graves at Rose Hill)	Sr. Helen Carey (Birthday) Kath Mullagh (Birthday)
Monday, 8 th November Memorial of Blessed George Napier, Priest, Martyr	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart)	Ellen Gaughan (Birthday)
Tuesday, 9 th November Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass 12.00 noon Mass at Corpus Christi, Headington	Thomas Hanlon Deceased Parish Clergy
Wednesday, 10 th November Memorial of St. Leo the Great, Pope	No Public Mass Today	Coral Anne Pill (11 th Anniversary)
Thursday, 11 th November Mem. of St. Martin of Tours, Bishop	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Martina Madeira
Friday, 12 th November Memorial of St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Mary Clarke
Saturday, 13 th November	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 11.00 am Parish Memorial Mass Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm	Deceased Family, Friends and Parishioners Sean Jennings (Anniversary)
Sunday, 14 th November Thirty-third Sunday of the Year Remembrance Sunday World Day of the Poor	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Sunday Morning: 11.00 am	Ellen Grealish (Anniversary)
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.”

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Kathleen Raj, Domenico Mirto, Elizabeth Brennan, Sean Delaney, and all who have died recently or whose anniversaries occur around this time: Frs. Francis Stanbridge, Francis Dawson, Derek Edwards, John Drinkwater, Cyril Duck and Michael O’Keefe and also Mary Winter, Francis (Frank) Cairns, Coral Anne Pill, Elizabeth Magan and Patrick Lynch. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

Please pray for James Brown 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.

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 Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Martin Besey (Get well).

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Sr. Janet's Intentions.

St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Dec'd Salesian Priests who have served this Parish.

There will be a Second Collection at Masses this weekend for the Johnson Association, supporting aged and infirm clergy in this diocese.

Christmas cards, Mass cards, diaries and candles are now on sale in the Repository at the back of the church. Please remember to respect social distancing.

November Prayers for the Dead. There are memorial slips available 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 during the month.

Mass 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. Today (Sunday, 7th November) we are asked to join with the intention of Archbishop Bernard who will be offering Mass in St Chad's at 11.30.

Blessing of graves:

- At Rose Hill Cemetery at 3.00 pm this afternoon, 7th November. Meet at the chapel at the Cemetery for a short service and then process between the graves praying the Rosary.
- Fr. Mervyn will be blessing graves at Headington Cemetery today, 7th November, at 12.30 pm.
- If you would like me to bless graves in other cemeteries in the parish, please contact me.

Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the Deanery, at Corpus Christi, Headington, at 12.00 noon on Tuesday, 9th November. Every year the clergy of the Deanery celebrate Mass for their deceased brothers. All welcome.

Parish Memorial Mass. Next Saturday, 13th November, 11.00 am, we shall celebrate Mass for those in the parish who have died, especially those whose funerals have been held here during the past year. If you would like anyone's name to be included in the booklet, please let me know. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Don Bosco Centre.

Remembrance Sunday: next Sunday, 14th November. We shall have 2 minutes' silence at 11.00 before Mass starts, so please come



early and be ready for this. At the end of Mass I shall lay a wreath at the cross and we shall pray for those who died in war and for peace.

Altar Servers. As we approach the season of Advent, I should like to re-introduce small teams of servers at Mass on Saturdays and Sundays. There will be a short training session at 6.30 pm, after Mass, on Saturday, 20th November. It will be for experienced servers but also

for those who want to start. Please come if you can.

Pope Francis and the Synodal Process: Birmingham Archdiocese Synod Events

What is it about? Everyone is invited to two evening meetings on Zoom. These information sessions are an opportunity to take your first step on the Synod journey.

7.30 pm, Monday 8 Nov., with Fr Jan Nowotnik

7.30 pm, Monday 15 Nov., with Dr Mary McCaughey
To book a place, email synodalpathway@rcaob.org.uk

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Tailpiece: An angel appeared at a parish meeting and said to the parish priest, "In return for your unselfish and exemplary behaviour, the Lord will reward you with your choice of infinite wealth, wisdom, or beauty." "Give me infinite wisdom, please!" replied the priest. "Done!" said the angel and disappeared. All heads now turned to the priest. "Well, Father" said the curate, "Say something brilliant." The priest stood and, with the poise of Socrates, declared, "I should have taken the money."

May God bless you and all those you love.

Fr. Harry