



Our Lady Help of Christians

Third Sunday of Easter

1st May, 2022

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Happy Easter, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Sunday, 1 st May Third Sunday of Easter	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Sunday Morning: 11.00 am 2.00 pm Baptism	Igor Bogatirjov (Anniversary) Emmi Egbuonu Filip Szczot
Monday, 2 nd May Memorial of St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart)	The People of the Parish
Tuesday, 3 rd May Feast of Ss. Philip and James, Apostles	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Jean Hinchon (Birthday)
Wednesday, 4 th May Feast of the English Martyrs	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Clare Curtis
Thursday, 5 th May Easter Feria	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	John & Family (Thanksgiving)
Friday, 6 th May Easter Feria First Friday	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass 6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction	Bridie Barry (Birthday)
Saturday, 7 th May Easter Feria	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm	Mick McCarthy
Sunday, 8 th May Fourth Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Sunday Morning: 11.00 am 3.00 pm Baptism	Frank Treacy (Anniversary) Zikora Ifediata
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 5.30 - 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.
The Easter Season

The Easter Season began on Easter Sunday, and ends after Evening Prayer on Pentecost Sunday. These fifty days are a very special time and, as St. Athanasius wrote, they “are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one great Sunday.”

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Brenda O’Meara, Claudino Serra Vaz, Janet Oakley, Filomeno Da Cruz Martins, John Hudgell and all those we know who are sick.

Please pray for the souls of David (“Scottie”) Johnman, Patrick Murphy, Stephen Bradley, Philomena Hilsdon, Frs. Edward Simpson SCJ and Laurence Crowe, Deacon Jack Foxall, Peter Nottingham and all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Bishop Joseph Gray, Canon Bernard Hirrill, Frs. Thomas William O’Connor, David Duggan, Michael Byrne, James Dutton, Donal O’Connor and also Igor Bogatirjov and Maureen Hinken. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

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:

*Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia;
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia;
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.*

**O Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia,
Has risen as he said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.**

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Bridie Barry (Birthday).

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Angela Keown.

Our Lady’s Candle is burning this week for Jean Hinchon (Birthday).

St. Joseph’s Candle is burning this week for a Special Intention (Son and Fiancée).

St. Don Bosco’s Candle is burning this week for Fr. Kieron Anderson.

Our Lady of Help Healing Group: Are you or someone you know struggling with grief? Come join the Our Lady of Help Healing Group on Sundays after Mass. We will learn how to help others in their healing journey and, together, will make a safe space to bring our pain to the cross of Christ for healing.

Dates: May 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and June 5th.

Time: 12.00 noon-1.45pm

Led by Ariel Dempsey, MD and Debbie Clark. Certified by the Trauma Healing Institute. To register please RSVP to ariel.dempsey@theology.ox.ac.uk. There are 8 spaces available. Registration requires commitment to attend the first four sessions.

“It was a safe place and a group where it was easy to share because of the sense of trust and lack of judging, (i.e., nonjudgmental) being able to articulate one’s feelings and hear them aloud helped my own healing. [The exercises were] a very new imaginative way to learn new things about myself and how the past has impacted me.”

“Being listened to and my own healing. I understood how far and long is my journey healing process. Support in the group and praying for each other. Constant reminder that Jesus loves me.”

“I have learned to be nonjudgmental. Be empathetic in every situation as you may not know what someone is going through.”

Ariel will say a few words at the end of the 5.30 pm Mass on Saturday about the Healing Group.

Our Lady’s School. Many people will be sad to hear that Scottie (David Johnman), the school caretaker of 25 years, died on Easter Monday aged 83. He worked at the school until the very end! His funeral will be this Thursday, 5th May, 3pm in Oxford Crematorium. *The hearse will be coming to Our Lady’s school at 2.15pm on Thursday, 5th May, and will be pausing in the car park. All parishioners are most welcome to join the school community if you wish to pay your respects.*

There will be tea/coffee available after the 11.00 am Mass today. All welcome.

Cake Sale: next weekend after Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning in the Don Bosco Centre. This will be for the Salesian Sisters Missions.

BINGO! There will be a fun evening of Bingo and refreshments in the Don Bosco Centre after the evening Mass on Saturday, 14th May. All welcome. £5 for entry, this will include hot soup and refreshments plus bingo tickets. If you have any unwanted gifts that would do for prizes and a raffle we should be glad to receive them.

Accommodation required. Does anyone know of, or can offer, affordable short-term accommodation to rent for a Catholic family (parents, four-year-old twins and a baby) coming to live in Oxford, from Ireland, for six months this July? Please contact Dierdre Barry (D.Hurley@hotmail.com)

Annual May Procession at Littlemore, next Sunday 8th May at 2.30 pm. Rosary in the Newman College Garden then Procession to Blessed Dominic Barberi, with the Crowning of Our Lady and Benediction.

Vacancies. Our Lady’s School are recruiting primary teachers for September, 2022. The full adverts are on the school website: www.ourladyscowley.co.uk. Closing date is Friday, 6th May, at 5pm.

St Scholastica’s Retreat – Sheltered Housing for Catholics – Job Opportunity in Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire. The Trustees are seeking to appoint a Warden and Clerk to the Trustees for this almshouse charity that provides sheltered housing for Catholics in financial need aged 60 or over. Closing date: Monday 9th May. For details of the role and how to apply, see: www.stscholasticas.co.uk/warden-clerk-vacancy

Tailpiece: A priest who was trying to encourage his congregation to sing a hymn called, “I Cannot Help But Wonder Where I’m Bound” was given a possible clue. He was dancing up and down the aisle, waving his arms wildly above his head, when suddenly he disappeared through a faulty grille in the floor. He came to rest on a pile of coke that fired the church’s heating system.

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