



Our Lady Help of Christians

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8th May, 2022

Fr. Harry Curtis, Parish Priest

(Also serving Sacred Heart, Blackbird Leys)

Parish Secretary: Geraldine Griffin

Safeguarding Officer: Elizabeth Moran, sg.olhoc.oxford@rcaob.org.uk

The Presbytery, 59 Hollow Way, Cowley, Oxford, OX4 2ND.

Telephone: 01865 770 910, Email: olhoc.oxford@rcaob.org.uk

Website: www.olhocowley.co.uk

Happy Easter, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Sunday, 8 th May Fourth Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Sunday Morning: 11.00 am 3.00 pm Baptism	Mick McCarthy Frank Treacy (Anniversary) Zikora Ifediata
Monday, 9 th May Easter Feria	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart)	Special Intention
Tuesday, 10 th May Op. Mem. of St. John of Avila, Priest	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Michael Iago (Anniversary)
Wednesday, 11 th May Easter Feria	No Mass Today	Mr. R. K. Joshi
Thursday, 12 th May Op. Mems of Ss. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs, or St. Pancras, Martyr	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Special Intention
Friday, 13 th May Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Bridie Barry
Saturday, 14 th May Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm	Peter Cox (Anniversary)
Sunday, 15 th May Fifth Sunday of Easter	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Sunday Morning: 11.00 am	Clara Perreira Ribeiro
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00 - 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.

Today is "Good Shepherd Sunday" or Vocations Sunday. It is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life in our Archdiocese. There will be the annual collection at Masses for the Clergy Training Fund which helps to support our seminarians and diaconate students.

May is the Month of Our Lady. If you don't already pray the Rosary, why not try it out during this month. It is best done with others, perhaps in your family or with a group of friends. You could start with a Decade (one Our Father, ten Hail Marys and a Glory Be) each day.

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, Philomena Hilsdon, Frs. Edward Simpson SCJ and Laurence Crowe, Deacon Jack Foxall, Paul Boggs, Peter Nottingham and all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Canon Francis Woodward, Frs. Francis Carr, Walter Joret and Patrick Cocklin, Deacon James Duffy, and also Frank Treacy, Robert Curtis, Michael Iago, Ivor Bridgewater, Monica Pope and Sr. Georgina McPake FMA. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

Collections for 10th April: £666.17; Gift Aid: £225.00. **24th April:** £578.21; Gift Aid: £268.40.

1st May: £483.64; Gift Aid: £211.40. Thank you.

If you wish to join us for Mass from your home, we are 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 Michael Iagoe.

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Carmel McMahon (Birthday).

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Fr. Seamus McMahon SM (ill).

St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for R. K. Joshi.

St. Don Bosco's Candles are burning this week for Clare (Birthday) & Robert (Anniversary) Curtis, and Arthur Borthwick (Birthday).

Baptism. Last Sunday we welcomed Filip Szczot into the family of the Church through the waters of Baptism, and this weekend we welcome Zikoraebubechukwu Ifediata. Please pray for them and for their families.

Our Lady of Help Healing Group: Starting today, a small group will meet for five Sundays after the 11.00 am Mass to bring healing to wounds to the heart from trauma or loss. Please pray for those taking part.

Cake Sale: There will be a cake sale after Mass in the Don Bosco Centre for the Salesian Sisters Missions, courtesy of the Salesian Cooperators. There will also be tea/coffee after the 11.00 am Sunday Mass.

Parish Bingo Fund-Raising Event

Saturday 14th May 2022

In the Don Bosco Centre

Soup and Beverages from 6.30 pm

Eyes Down at 7.00 pm

Bingo, Raffle and Refreshments.

Prizes for one-line, two-lines and full house.

Flyer (money prize) also available.

£5 for soup, rolls, beverages & Bingo!

**Everyone is welcome to attend
(no charge for children to attend)**

Prize donations also welcomed

These can be left at the Repository Shop (at the back of the Church) or at the tea counter in the DBC.

Diocesan Response To The Synod. The Diocesan response to The Synod has been completed and sent to the Catholic Bishops' Conference. The Synodal Pathway Team met the recent submission deadline after working through hundreds of responses from parishes, schools, agencies and individuals. The synthesis is available at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

Readers. Please, we do need more people to read at Mass on Saturday evenings. I am sure there are many people who would proclaim the word of God with joy if they just tried. Please let me or Bernadette Downes know if you would like to have a go.

Students. I should like to welcome to Our Lady's students who are living in our parish. Please introduce yourself to me, and I wish you every success in your studies. You may be interested in ...

Quo Vadis. Starting this week there is a series of three Zoom sessions for university students on the theme of discernment, including a presentation on the life of a *beatus* (Blessed) by a speaker working within university chaplaincy, followed by a time of prayer.

- Tuesday, 10th May – Bl. Carlo Acutis, by Mgr. Mark Crisp (Wolverhampton University Chaplaincy)
- Monday, 16th May – Bl. Chiara Badano, by Alvea Fernandes (Oxford University Chaplaincy)
- Thursday, 26th May – Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, by Fr. Ray Corbett (Aston University Chaplaincy)

Sessions run 8:00 - 8:45 pm. For more information and to register, visit: www.vocations.org.uk/quo-vadis

Annual May Procession at Littlemore, today, 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.

Missio Red Boxes. If you have a Red Box, could you please bring it in to be emptied by Sunday, 29th May. You can leave boxes in the Sacristy or give them directly to me. Thank you. If you would like to know more please speak to Sandra Cromey.



Tailpiece: A man went to Confession and admitted that for years he'd been stealing wood from the yard where he worked. "What did you take?" the priest asked. "Enough to build my own house, my son's house, houses for our two daughters and our cottage at the lake." "This is very serious," the priest told him. "For your penance I want you to make a Novena. Can you do that?" "I don't know, Father," the man replied. "But if you've got the plans, I can get the timber."

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