



Our Lady Help of Christians

Fifth Sunday of Easter

15th May, 2022

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Happy Easter, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Sunday, 15 th May Fifth Sunday of Easter	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Sunday Morning: 11.00 am 1.00 pm Baptism	Peter Cox (Anniversary) Clara Perreira Ribeiro Celia Andrade Afonso
Monday, 16 th May Easter Feria	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart)	Thomas (Intentions)
Tuesday, 17 th May Easter Feria Day of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.30 am Good Shepherd Mass	Arthur Borthwick (B'day)
Wednesday, 18 th May Op. Mem. of St. John I, Pope, Martyr	No Mass Today	Special Intention
Thursday, 19 th May Op. Mem. of St. Dunstan, Bishop	1.30 pm Funeral Service (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Philomena Hilsdon Nossa Senhora da Penha
Friday, 20 th May Op. Mem. of St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest, Religious, Missionary	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Konrad Mihailov
Saturday, 21 st May Op. Mem. of St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 12.00 noon Baptism Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm	Padraic Cuddy Filomeno & Aquino Li
Sunday, 22 nd May Sixth Sunday of Easter	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Sunday Morning: 11.00 am	Mena Rhodes (Anniv.)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00 - 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.

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.

Baptism. This weekend we welcome Celia Elizabeth Andrade Afonso into the family of the Church through the waters of Baptism, and next Saturday we shall welcome Padraic Cuddy. Please pray for them and for their families.

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

Please pray for the souls of Philomena Hilsdon, Deacon Jack Foxall, Paul Boggs, Peter Nottingham and all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Canon Wilfrid Smith, Mgr. John Humphreys, Frs. Cathal Cassidy, Denis Hickling, Thomas Canning, Joseph Griffin, Ernest Cook and William Lyons, and also Margaret Boyle, Jerzy Dybalski, Michael Joseph (Joe) McLoughlin and Dorothy Aveyard. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Collection for 8th May: £456.79; Gift Aid: £162.00. **2nd Collection** for the Clergy Training Fund: £132.06. 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 a Special Intention.
St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Sr. Monica (Intentions).**

The Birthday of Our Lady's Church. According to the history books, the Church of Our Lady Help of Christians was officially opened and the high altar was dedicated by Bishop Bright on 14th June, 1962. That means that on Tuesday, 14th June, 2022, our church will be officially 60 years old. It's our Diamond Jubilee. I have been trying to think how to celebrate this suitably. Any suggestions (and offers of help) would be gratefully received.

Another excuse (sorry, reason) for a celebration is that Tuesday, 24th May, will be the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians, our Patronal Feast Day. Whee!! There will be Mass at 9.15 in the morning, which will be attended by the children from Our Lady's School. (The school is also celebrating. It is their 90th birthday. It just keeps coming, doesn't it!?) There will be special refreshments in the Don Bosco Centre after Mass.

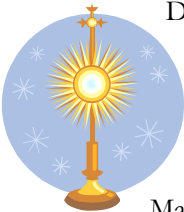
In the evening of that same day at 6.00 pm, Bishop Stephen Wright will be coming to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. There are 23 candidates for Confirmation this year. Please pray for them and their families. There will be a "bring-and-share" party in the Don Bosco Centre after Mass for them.

Next Sunday afternoon we welcome to Our Lady's Mar (Bishop) Joseph and the Syro-Malabar Community for their First Holy Communion celebrations. Congratulations to all the children involved.

Refreshments after the 11.00 Sunday Mass: There will be tea/coffee available in the Don Bosco Centre.

Day of Prayer for Vocations. Every church in the Diocese is allotted one day during the year when they are asked to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for Vocations. **Sunday, 29th May**, is our annual Parish Day. There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 11.00 am Mass, ending with Benediction at 4.00 pm.

We shall combine it with our May Devotions to Our Lady and pray the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament. Please make the time to come and say a prayer. There is a list at the back of Church. If you can commit yourself to a set time to be in church, please sign.



Good Shepherd Mass. Traditionally, each Lent school children all over the Archdiocese raise money for Father Hudson's Care. It is an old appeal, dating back to when children would collect coins during the early days of the charity and is now one of Fr. Hudson's biggest and most vital fundraising campaigns. Each year, at the end of the appeal, there is a celebration of Mass at a number of churches across the Archdiocese. This year **we have been given the honour of hosting the Mass in this area.** It will be on Tuesday of this week, starting at 9.30 (please note the slightly later start). Children from Our Lady's School will be here and Canon Paul Fitzpatrick will be the main celebrant. Other schools will be invited to join through the live streaming. Please join us if you can for what should be a joyful occasion.

Ascension Thursday. We shall celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven on Thursday, 26th May. This would normally be a Holyday of Obligation and there will be Mass here at Our Lady's at 12.00 noon.

Our Lady of Help Healing Group: Please remember to pray for the group who meet in the chapel after the 11.00 am Mass to bring healing to wounds to the heart from trauma or loss.

Readers. Please, we do need more people to read at Mass on Saturday evenings. Please let me or Bernadette Downes know if you would like to have a go.

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. For more information speak to Sandra Cromey.



Tailpiece: Two boys were overheard discussing what they had told the priest during their First Confession. "I couldn't think of anything to say," said one, "So I told him I'd stolen some money from my Mum's purse, although I hadn't really." "But why didn't you tell him that you'd scratched 'Aston Villa' on that desk?" asked the other. "You're joking!" exclaimed the first. "I'd get into trouble for that!"

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