



# Our Lady Help of Christians

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2022

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Happy Easter, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

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| Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May<br><b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>  | <b>Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm</b><br>7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer<br><b>Sunday Morning: 11.00 am</b><br>3.00 pm Mass (the Syro-Malabar community) | Filomeno & Aquino Li<br>Mena Rhodes (Anniv.) |
| Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May<br>Easter Feria   | 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer<br>(9.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart)   | Josie McCrave (Ints.)                        |
| Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May<br><b>Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians</b><br>Our Patronal Feast Day                         | 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer<br>9.15 am Mass<br><b>6.00 pm Confirmation Mass</b>   | The People of the Parish<br>The Confirmandi  |
| Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> May<br>Mem. of St. Bede, Priest, Doctor of the Church  | 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer<br>9.15 am Mass   | Wendy Piper (Ints.)                          |
| Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> May<br><b>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</b>  | <b>12.00 noon Mass</b><br>(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)  | Barry Williams<br>Peter Villar               |
| Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> May<br>Feast of St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop   | 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer<br>6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction<br>7.00 pm Mass   | Daniel Tang                                  |
| Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> May<br>Easter Feria   | 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer<br>2.00 pm Baptism<br><b>Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm</b>  | Abigeil Prenga<br>Daniel Tang                |
| Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> May<br><b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b><br>Communications Day<br><b>Parish Day of Prayer for Vocations</b> | <b>7.45 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</b><br><b>Sunday Morning: 11.00 am</b><br>12.00 noon-4.00 pm Exposition & Benediction                              | Daniel Tang                                  |
| Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00 - 6.45 pm  |   |  |

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.

**This Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May**, is the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians, our Patronal Feast Day. There will be Mass at 9.15 in the morning, which will be attended by the children from Our Lady's School. There will be special refreshments in the Don Bosco Centre after Mass.

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

**Prayers for the Sick.** Please pray for Brenda O'Meara, Claudino Serra Vaz, Janet Oakley, Filomeno Da Cruz Martins, Phil Bawden, Kevin and Hilary Kirby, David (3 years old), 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: Mgr. Wilfrid Moore, Canon John Francis Hughes, Frs. Thomas Foynes, Thomas Bagnall, Michael McKenna, Patrick Taylor, John Kearns, James Francis Ward and Dermot Corcoran, and also Benjamin Curtis, Sarah Curtis and Lucia Bianchini. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Collection for 15<sup>th</sup> May: £603.38; Gift Aid: £187.00. Direct Debit Donations: March: £1,466.00. April: £1,692.00.

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 those being Confirmed this week.

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for the boys in Zoja's family.

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Dr. Mara Kalnins (Special Intention).

St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Sr. Myra Cumming RIP.

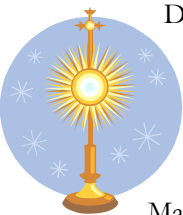
**The Birthday of Our Lady's Church.** The Church of Our Lady Help of Christians was officially opened on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 1962. That means that on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2022, our church will be officially 60 years old. It's our Diamond Jubilee. I have received one very interesting suggestion how we can celebrate this suitably, and I hope to follow it up. Other suggestions welcome.

**Confirmations.** On Tuesday evening, 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.

**Beatification today of Pauline Jaricot.** Venerable Pauline Jaricot is one of Missio's founders. She created the Association for the Propagation of the Faith in 1822, now known as Missio's APF. She is to be beatified on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, in Lyon, France. A remarkable young lay woman with formidable faith her life has become a testament to the power of lay people in our Church. She believed that if we all dedicate ourselves to praying a little and giving a little, we can help share God's love throughout the world. **After Mass on Sunday morning there will be a Cornish cream tea in the Don Bosco Centre to celebrate this occasion. All welcome.**

**We welcome** to Our Lady's Mar (Bishop) Joseph and the Syro-Malabar Community on Sunday afternoon for their First Holy Communion Mass.

**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. **Next Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> May,** is our annual Parish Day. There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 11.00 am Mass, including praying the Rosary. It will end with Benediction at 4.00 pm. Please try to visit the Blessed Sacrament to pray for Vocations.



**Our Lady Help of Christians 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.

**Missio Red Boxes.** If you have a Red Box, could you please bring it in to be emptied by next Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you.



**Ukraine Refugee Support.** The Archbishop has written to request that all parishes have a special collection for Ukrainian refugees. He has asked Fr. Hudson's Care on behalf of the Archdiocese to coordinate a response to the many generous offers of help and they are now involved in matching individuals and families here willing to host individuals and families from Ukraine. They want to establish a Diocesan fund:

- To recruit a worker for up to 6 months who will support the host and refugee families.
- Some families and individuals who arrive will need destitution support.
- Some existing Catholic Ukrainian communities in the Archdiocese may also request some of this funding to enable their work of welcome to thrive.

There will be a second collection this weekend for this. If you wish to gift aid a donation, please do so via [www.justgiving.com/campaign/aobukrainianappeal](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/aobukrainianappeal).

**The Oxford Corpus Christi procession** returns this year on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> June. It will start from the Oratory at 2:30 pm and end with Benediction and refreshments at the University Chaplaincy. First communicants can wear their outfits. Children are invited to throw flower petals.

**Tailpiece:** Back in the days before you could download music from the internet, a customer went into a record shop and asked one of the assistants, “Have you any records of Gregorian Chant, please?” “I don't know,” came the innocent reply. “Does he sing with a band?”

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

**Fr. Harry**