



Our Lady Help of Christians

Seventh Sunday of Easter

29th May, 2022

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Happy Easter, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Sunday, 29 th May Seventh Sunday of Easter Communications Day Parish Day of Prayer for Vocations	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Sunday Morning: 11.00 am 12.00 noon–4.00 pm Exposition & Benediction	Daniel Tang Daniel Tang
Monday, 30 th May Solemnity of Dedication of the Church	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart)	Deacon Bill Parker (Anniv.)
Tuesday, 31 st May Feast of the Visitation	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish
Wednesday, 1 st June Memorial of St. Justin, Martyr	No Public Mass Today	Margaret Griffin (Anniversary)
Thursday, 2 nd June Optional Memorial of Ss. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Benefactors of the Johnson Ass. Deacon Bill Parker
Friday, 3 rd June Memorial of St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass 10.00 am Exposition & Benediction	Emmi Egbuonu
Saturday, 4 th June Easter Feria	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm	Irene Knibbs (Birthday)
Sunday, 5 th June Solemnity of Pentecost Day of Prayer for the Church	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Sunday Morning: 11.00 am	Fr. Kieran Anderson (30 th Anniversary of Ordination)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 10.00 – 11.00 am		

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.

Last Thursday we celebrated the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven, but we are still celebrating His resurrection. The Easter Season ends after Evening Prayer next Sunday, the Solemnity of Pentecost.

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 all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Wilfrid Doran, Canons Benedict Tarbuck and Harry Bouchier, Frs. Joseph Lacy, Cornelius Healy, William O'Brien, Charles Dessain (Cong. Orat.), John Avery Lane and John Crean, Deacon William Parker, and also Lucia Bianchini, Mary O'Mahoney, Sr. Bruna Livieri FMA, Margaret Griffin, Delia Conroy and Maria Keady. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Collection for 22nd May: £615.12; Gift Aid: £241.00. **Ukraine Refugee Support Fund:** £226.54. Thank you.

First Friday. This Friday is the first of the month and we shall say the Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart after Mass. **Because of the Bank Holiday, the Mass with Confessions this week will be in the morning NOT the evening.**

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, lactare, 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.

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Queen Elizabeth II.

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Margaret Griffin RIP (Anniversary).

St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for the Catechists who prepared the children for Confirmation.

The Birthday of Our Lady's Church. On Tuesday, 14th June, 2022, our church will be officially 60 years old. It's our Diamond Jubilee. There will be Mass in the morning with children from Our Lady's School, followed by refreshments. We shall be joined by two guests.

Confirmations. Congratulations to all those who were Confirmed here last Tuesday, and thank you to Bishop Stephen and everyone who helped to make it such a lovely occasion.

TODAY! 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. **Today, Sunday, 29th 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 this weekend. Thank you.

The Oxford Corpus Christi procession returns this year on Sunday, 19th 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.

My Day By Day Book for June is now available at the back of church (price £1).

Pope's Prayer Intention for June: For Families. We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

Today is World Communications Sunday. We have all heard about “false news” and how lies and distorted truths are spread. In contrast, the Communications Office of the Catholic Church in England and Wales (CCN) seeks to promote the Gospel through the media. Today we are asked to pray for those who work in the media, and a second collection will be held at Masses to help fund the work of the CCN. Thank you for your kind generosity towards this important work.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. Next Saturday pilgrims from across the Archdiocese will go to Lourdes for the annual pilgrimage for the first time since the pandemic. You can follow it with daily updates from Lourdes on www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/lourdes-daily

Cake Sale. Thanks to the Salesian Cooperators who will be selling cakes in the Don Bosco Centre after Masses next weekend. Proceeds will go to the Parish.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This week we have the chance to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of Her Majesty's coronation. If you would like to join me for breakfast in the Don Bosco Centre after Mass on Thursday morning we can watch the Trooping of the Colour together and share some fellowship.



Tailpiece: Two children were overheard talking about their progress in Religious Education. “I'm doing Original Sin,” boasted one. “That's nothing,” scoffed the other. “I'm way beyond Redemption.”

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