



Our Lady Help of Christians

Solemnity of Pentecost

5th June, 2022

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Sunday, 5 th June Solemnity of Pentecost Day of Prayer for the Church	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Sunday Morning: 11.00 am 2.00 pm Baptism	Irene Knibbs (Birthday) Fr. Kieran Anderson (30 th Anniv. of Ordination) Zyan Leo Milton
Monday, 6 th June Mem. of Mary, Mother of the Church	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart)	In Thanksgiving (Dimble)
Tuesday, 7 th June	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 7.00 pm Mass	In Thanksgiving
Wednesday, 8 th June	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer No Public Mass Today	Canon Giles Goward
Thursday, 9 th June Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Kathryn Allsworth
Friday, 10 th June	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Josline Pires
Saturday, 11 th June Memorial of St. Barnabas, Apostle	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm	Tommy Gildea (Birthday)
Sunday, 12 th June Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Sunday Morning: 11.00 am	Josie O'Connor (Anniversary)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.

Today is Pentecost Sunday. The Easter Season, which began on Easter Sunday, ends this evening.

Thank you to everyone who has helped to make it a special time in the life of our parish.

Tomorrow we return to Ordinary Time and the cycle of weekday readings resumes at the 10th Week in Year 2. The Sunday readings will be for Year C. If you pray the Divine Office we begin tomorrow with Psalter Week 2.

Remember, if you have not yet made your Easter Duties you have only until next Sunday to do so.

This weekend we welcome Zyan Milton into our family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for him and for his family.

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 Sr. Rose Cavanagh FMA and all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bishop James Dey, Mgr. Bernard Robinson, Frs. Peter Gallagher, Denis Shiel CO, Thomas Hampton, John Arthur McIver, John P. Lane, Timothy Cronin, William Quinn and Gerard McArdle and Deacon Peter Phelan, and also Maria Keady, Kathleen O'Malley, Simon Boyd, Patrick McLoughlin and Sr. Agnes Collett FMA. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Collection for 29th May: £493.08; Gift Aid: £179.00. **Catholic Communications:** £225.25. Thank you.

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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.

Platinum Jubilee of HM The Queen.

Many congratulations and good wishes to Her Majesty on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee. The Bishops' Conference has established that, at all Sunday Masses this weekend, each parish should pray for Her Majesty the Queen by including an intention in the Prayers of the Faithful and by reciting at the end of Mass (after the Prayer after Communion) the following prayer:

- V. O Lord, save Elizabeth, our Queen.
R. **And hear us on the day we call upon you.**
V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. **And let my cry come before you.**
V. The Lord be with you.
R. **And with your spirit.**

Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour may, with the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Change of Mass time. Please note that on Tuesday this week the Mass will be at 7.00 pm, because the Don Bosco Centre is being used for exams.

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

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.

First Holy Communion. Please remember to pray for the children who are preparing to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time in two weeks. **Next Thursday, 9th June, parents and children are asked to come QUIETLY to the church, not to the Don Bosco Centre which will be in use for exams.**

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

Our Lady Help of Christians Healing Group: Please pray for those who meet after the 11.00 am Mass for healing to wounds to the heart from trauma or loss.

Missio Red Boxes. Thank you to everyone who brought their box into be emptied. They are now ready to be collected from the Don Bosco Centre.



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.



Sunday Mass Obligation Restored. The Bishops of England and Wales have reinstated the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days from this weekend, the feast of Pentecost. The days on which all Catholics in England and Wales should attend Mass (unless legitimately impeded) are: every Sunday; Christmas Day; the Epiphany (6th January); the Ascension; Ss. Peter and Paul (29th June); the Assumption (15th August); All Saints (1st November).

Tailpiece: A teacher lined up the children in her class to recite the Creed they had been memorising. "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth," Robbie began. "And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord," Suzy said next. "Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary," said Timmy. "Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried," said Molly. "He descended into hell," said Jim. "On the third day he rose again from the dead," said Margaret. "He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty," said Billy. "From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead," said Jill. Then there followed a long silence. Finally, Timmy spoke up and said, "Please Miss, the boy who believes in the Holy Spirit isn't here today."

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