



# Our Lady Help of Christians

## Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

### 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

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Sunday, 19 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body &amp; Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</b> Day for Life	<b>Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm</b> (First Holy Communions) <b>7.45 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>Sunday Morning: 11.00 am</b> (First Holy Communions)	Nancy Lyons (Anniversary)  Fr. Kieran Anderson
Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> June Optional Memorial of St. Alban, Martyr	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart)	Deceased Grady Family
Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> June Mem. of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Dorothy Pill and Peter Rhodes
Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> June Feast of St. John Fisher, Bishop, & St. Thomas More, Martyrs	No Public Mass Today	Mr & Mrs Connolly
Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> June <b>Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist</b>	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Nancy McDonnell
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>12.00 noon Requiem Mass</b> 6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Jane Hannah Boyce  Alison Macy Fernandes
Saturday, 25 <sup>th</sup> June Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (3.00 pm Mass with Baptism at Sacred Heart) <b>Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm</b>	Ermias Hill Patrick Murphy (Snr. and Jnr)
Sunday, 26 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>7.45 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>Sunday Morning: 11.00 am</b> 3.00 pm Baptisms	Gaafar Elomari Dominyka & Oskaras Miknius
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.

Today we are celebrating the Solemnity of Corpus Christi – “The Body of Christ”.

In Holy Communion Jesus feeds us with His Body and Blood and so shares with us His own life.

**First Holy Communion.** This weekend I should like to welcome especially thirty-one children from our parish who will be receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time. This is the conclusion of many weeks and months of preparation for them, but it is only the beginning of the next stage of their life with Jesus. Please pray for them. A big “Thank You” to the teachers who have been giving their time and energy so generously to prepare them for this day. Some of the pews at the front of the church have been reserved for the First Holy Communicants and their families at both the Saturday and Sunday Masses.



**Prayers for the Sick.** Please pray for Brenda O'Meara, Claudino Serra Vaz, Janet Oakley, Kevin and Hilary Kirby, Phil Bawden, David (3 years old), and all those we know who are sick.

**Please pray for the souls of Sr. Rose Cavanagh FMA, Jane Hannah Boyce, Filomeno Da Cruz Martins, Bridget Cherry** and all who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgrs. Peter William Stonier and Hugh Montgomery, Frs. Michael Doona, George Smith, Arthur Proudman, Eric Morgan, Geoffrey Tucker, Thomas M. Browne, John Boyer and James Walsh, and also Peggy Doherty, Patrick White, Pearl Flanagan, Bridget White, Maddalena Puma and Nancy Lyons. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

**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.”*

**Collection for 12<sup>th</sup> June:** £525.10; Gift Aid: £192.00. Direct Debit donations (May): £1,351.00. Thank you.

#### **Prayer at the end of Mass:**

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! *Pray for us, O holy Mother of God*, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for the First Holy Communicants.**

**The Sacred Heart Candle will be burning this week for a Special Intention.**

#### **Liturgical Notes:**

1. This Thursday is the Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist. It has been transferred from Friday to make way for ...
2. **The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart:** this Friday is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. It's a beautiful feast day celebrating the love of Jesus. It is the patronal feastday of Sacred Heart parish in Blackbird Leys and there will be Mass there at 9.15 in the morning. Mass here at Our Lady's will be at 7.00 pm.
3. **Advance Notice:** The Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul (Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> June) is a Holyday of Obligation, and we are required to take part in the Mass if we can. We shall have Mass here at Our Lady's at 9.15 that morning, and there will be Mass in the evening at 7.00 at Sacred Heart.

#### **'Rome At Home': World Meeting Of Families 2022:**

The World Meeting of Families (WMOF) takes place in Rome this week, 22<sup>nd</sup>–26<sup>th</sup> June. The theme is Family Love: a vocation and a path to Holiness. Further information is available on the Diocesan website.

**Today is the “Day for Life”.** *“Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent” (Psalm 71:9).* ‘Day for Life’ is the day set aside to celebrate life from conception to natural death. This year the focus is on caring for and valuing the elderly. There will be a second collection to support organisations which work to promote the protection of life (Anscombe Centre, Right to Life, Living and Dying Well) as well as practical projects such as Rachel's Vineyard, and homes run for pregnant mothers by Life. For more info or to make a donation, go to: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/df122/>

**March For Life UK.** This year marks the sad milestone of 10 million abortions in the UK since the 1967 Abortion Act. The annual March for Life will be held in London on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September. For information go to: <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/>

**Don Bosco Today.** The latest edition of the Salesian Bulletin is available at the back of the church. Don't forget to take your copy.

**Thank you.** We have had a series of lovely celebrations lately – Confirmations, the Royal Jubilee, our own Diamond Jubilee, the Good Shepherd Mass, the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, and now the First Holy Communions. It has been a busy time and a big Thank You to everyone who has helped in any way (flower arrangers, musicians, the children and staff of Our Lady's School, readers, servers, chair arrangers, cleaners, tea/coffee providers, sacristans). May God bless you all.

**The Oxford Corpus Christi procession** will take place this weekend 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.

**Tailpiece:** Three reasons for believing that Jesus really understood what a woman has to put up with!

- (i) He was expected to prepare a meal for hundreds of people, even though there was no food in.
- (ii) He spent His time trying to talk sense to a group of men who simply did not get it!
- (iii) Even after He died, He had to get up again because there was more work for Him to do.

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