



Our Lady Help of Christians

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th July, 2022

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Sunday, 24 th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 11.00 am Mass (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Special Intention Blair Family Tarla Bianco Fonseca The People of the Parish
Monday, 25 th July Feast of St. James, Apostle	(11.00 am Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart)	Duarte Coito
Tuesday, 26 th July Mem. of St. Joachim & St. Anne	(9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)	Denis Barry (Anniversary)
Wednesday, 27 th July Mem. of Bl. Robert Sutton	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Deceased O'Dwyer Family (JA)
Thursday, 28 th July	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	In Thanksgiving (John Family)
Friday, 29 th July Mem. of Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Marie Armstrong
Saturday, 30 th July Op. Mem. of St Peter Chrysologus	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm	Anne D'Souza
Sunday, 31 st July Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 11.00 am Mass (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Cecilia Michael John White (Anniversary) Antonio M da Silva & Rose M da Silva
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.

Please pray for the souls of Sr. Rose Cavanagh FMA, Bridget Cherry, Robert Jackson, Colin Mold, Duarte Coito, Fr. George Grynowski, Gerald Amantrading, and all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Frs. Anthony Owen, Euan Henderson, Joseph Tynan, Denis O'Shea, Basil Wrighton and Thomas Michael Duffy, Deacons Frank Lockett and Ernie Titchmarsh, and also Noreen Griffin, Valerie (Val) Griffiths, Joseph Costa, Maria Mirto and Abie Doherty. 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.”

Prayer Before Mass:

God our Father, you sent Jesus, our High Priest, to redeem us and you willed that His saving work should continue through the ministry of priests. Enlighten us to celebrate this Sunday Mass with our priest, so that, empowered by the Word of life and the Eucharist, we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to live to the full our Christian calling. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 Barbara Polewczak RIP.
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for a Special Intention.**

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Brenda O'Meara, Claudino Serra Vaz, Kevin and Hilary Kirby, Phil Bawden, David and all those we know who are sick.

COVID. *I really hope that I shall be clear of Covid soon, but because I was still testing positive on Friday I have asked Fr. Martin Flatman to come to Our Lady's to celebrate the two Masses this weekend. I am very grateful to him for agreeing to come at such short notice.*

Thank you to everyone for your kind wishes and support. I am happy to say that I only had mild symptoms and I am looking forward to being back with you.

Remember: refreshments are available after the Sunday and Tuesday Masses in the Don Bosco Centre. Come and have a chat with friends and make new ones.

Parish Day Trip to Bournemouth, this Tuesday 26th July.

We now fully booked for this trip. If you have booked, please be at Sacred Heart, Balfour Road, Blackbird Leys, ready to leave at 10.00 am on Tuesday morning. We are aiming to be back to Sacred Heart by 8.15 pm.

Price: Adults £25, children £12.

Let's pray for good weather.

Summer holidays. If you are going away over the next few weeks, have a lovely time. If you want to know where the nearest Catholic Church is, and what time they have Mass, please ask me.

The Relics of St. Bernadette. Over the weekend of October 7th – 10th the relics of St. Bernadette, to whom Our Lady appeared in Lourdes in 1858, will be visiting the Archdiocese. They will be in Immaculate Conception, Bicester, St. Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham, and Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford. This is an opportunity to pray in the presence of the relics of this remarkable woman and draw close to Our Lady. Further details will be available nearer the time.

This Sunday is the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Pope Francis' theme of the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly comes from Psalm 92, "**In old age they will still bear fruit**", to emphasise how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for ecclesial communities.

Novena for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi. Thursday 18th August marks the beginning of the Diocesan Novena to pray for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi. The Novena of Prayer lasts for nine days and concludes on his feast day on Friday 26th August. The annual Novena of Prayer for the Cause of Blessed Dominic Barberi is a moment to pause and to appreciate the work of this holy Passionist in our Archdiocese and to pray for his Canonisation.

New Priests. Congratulations to Deacon Toby Duckworth and Deacon Stephen Fleming who will be ordained to the Priesthood for this Diocese by Archbishop Bernard at St Chad's Cathedral this weekend. *Ad multos annos* – to many years.

A Message from the Archbishop.

An independent review undertaken by the charity Barnardo's on behalf of the Archdiocese of Birmingham in relation to the management of concerns about Joseph Quigley, a priest in the Archdiocese, is now available on the Diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk. The Trustees of the Archdiocese of Birmingham have accepted this review and its 18 recommendations in full and you can also see the full response on the website. As an institution it is for the present Bishops and Trustees to take corporate responsibility, to apologise, learn and ensure best safeguarding practice now and in the future. There has been a significant amount of positive change in Diocesan safeguarding practice. However, these recommendations will help inform ongoing learning and improvement within the Archdiocese.

Pope's Prayer Intention for August: For small businesses. We pray for small and medium-sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities.

Tailpiece: A priest was leading an RE lesson with a class of children:

"Now, supposing you were to die in a state of mortal sin, where would you go, Johnny?"

"Hell, Father."

"That's right! And whatever would you do then?"

"Go to Confession, Father"

"Go to Confession? And who would you go to for Confession?"

"You, Father!"

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