



# Our Lady Help of Christians

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*7<sup>th</sup> August, 2022*

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Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> August <b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm</b> <i>(9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)</i> <b>11.00 am Mass</b> <i>(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>The People of the Parish</i> <i>Michael Cullen</i> <i>Norah Chavagnon</i> <i>Mary and James Doyle</i>
Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i> <i>(9.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Natalie (For good health)</i>
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Feast of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Martyr, Patron of Europe</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i> <i>9.15 am Mass</i>	<i>Edel O'Sullivan (Get well)</i>
Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr</i>	<i>No Public Mass Today</i>	<i>Deceased O'Dwyer Family</i>
Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Memorial of St. Clare, Virgin</i>	<b>11.00 am Requiem Mass</b> <i>(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Gerald Amantrading</i> <i>Special Intention (Heaney)</i>
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Op. Mem. of St. Jane Frances de Chantal</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i> <i>6.00 pm Exposition &amp; Benediction</i> <i>7.00 pm Mass</i>	<i>Leticia Herminia Madeira</i>
Saturday, 13 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Op. Mem. of Bl. William Freeman, or of Ss. Pontian &amp; Hippolytus, Martyrs</i>	<b>Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm</b>	<i>Paddy Molloy</i>
Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup> August <b>Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	<i>7.45 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i> <i>(9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)</i> <b>11.00 am Mass</b> <i>(3.00 pm Baptism at Sacred Heart)</i> <i>4.00 pm Syro-Malabar Community Mass</i> <i>(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Duarte Coito</i> <i>Kathleen and John Pill</i> <i>Hanna Hoxha</i>  <i>Rosa C.L.Soriano da Silva</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

**Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.**

**Next Sunday we shall celebrate the great Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven.**

**Collections during July:**

10<sup>th</sup> July, £507.59; Gift Aid: £234.00;

17<sup>th</sup> July, £489.88; Gift Aid: £210.00;

24<sup>th</sup> July, £543.57; Gift Aid: £174.84;

31<sup>st</sup> July, £348.83; Gift Aid: £87.10.

**Direct Debit Donations (June):** £1,386.00. **Apostleship of the Sea:** £143.57.

Thank you.

**Congratulations** to the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco who celebrated the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their foundation last Friday. It was also a celebration of the Diamond Jubilees of Sr. Agnes McGuinness and Sr. Elizabeth O'Donnell FMA. *Ad multos annos.*

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

**Please pray for the souls of Norah Chavagnon, Duarte Coito, Fr. George Grynowski and Gerald Amantrading,** and all who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Canon Bernard Manion, Frs. Francis Gwinnett, Basil Lynch CO, Michael Day CO, Denis Manion, John Clavin, Thomas Dennison and Michael Francis McGrath and also John Hennigan and Bridget (Bridie) Keane. 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 Jackie and Alan.  
Our Lady’s Candle is burning this week for Claire French (Birthday).  
St. Don Bosco’s Candle is burning this week for the Salesian Sisters.**

**Invitation from Youth 2000.** The Catholic young adults’ charity, Youth 2000, are preparing to welcome hundreds of young people from all around the UK to pray and praise together over the Bank Holiday weekend (Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> to Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> August) at Ampleforth College, York. If you are a young adult who wants to explore your faith, improve your relationship with Jesus, and make loads of new friends at the same time, then this could be for you. For more information go to [www.youth2000.org/events/summerfestival](http://www.youth2000.org/events/summerfestival).

**Pope Francis issues message ahead of Season of Creation.** For the first time, Pope Francis has published in advance his message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, which is celebrated every September 1<sup>st</sup>. To see the message and/or a summary, go to [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/News/pope-francis-issues-message-ahead-of-season-of-creation](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/News/pope-francis-issues-message-ahead-of-season-of-creation).

**Retrouvaille** is a programme for couples who are having difficulties in their marriages. It is a Catholic programme but is open to married couples of any faith, or none. It is offered as a gift from the Catholic Church to any married couple who wishes to heal the difficulties they are experiencing in their marriage. The next Retrouvaille programme begins with a weekend from 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022. It will be held online using Zoom and they will be commencing the following programme with a face-to-face weekend from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023 in Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire. For confidential information or to register for the next programme, call 07887 296983 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**The Relics of St. Bernadette.** Over the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October 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, on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October. This will be 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.

**Novena for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi.** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**Tailpiece:** A priest was once asked by a small boy, “What is a miracle?” Trying to give a straightforward answer, the priest explained miracles in a few short sentences. “Now do you understand what a miracle is?” he concluded. “Yes, but that’s not my Mum’s idea of a miracle,” replied the charming child. “Whenever she knows that you are calling at our house she says it will be a miracle if you don’t stay for tea.”

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