



Our Lady Help of Christians

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

14th August, 2022

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Sunday, 14 th August Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 11.00 am Mass (3.00 pm Baptism at Sacred Heart) 4.00 pm Syro-Malabar Community Mass (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Paddy Molloy Duarte Coito Kathleen and John Pill Hanna Hoxha Rosa C.L.Soriano da Silva
Monday, 15 th August	No Public Mass Today	Gerard Doyle (Get well)
Tuesday, 16 th August <i>Op. Mem. of St. Stephen of Hungary</i>	No Public Mass Today	Maryanne Borthwick (Get well)
Wednesday, 17 th August	No Public Mass Today	Private Intention
Thursday, 18 th August Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	No Public Mass Today	George Mist (Anniversary)
Friday, 19 th August <i>Op. Memorial of St. John Eudes, Priest</i> Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	No Public Mass Today	The Heaney Family
Saturday, 20 th August <i>Memorial of St. Bernard</i> Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm	Cornelius Gunning
Sunday, 21 st August Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	(9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 11.00 am Mass (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Sr. Philomena Antonietta and Pepe Aprea Mariyamma

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.

Today we celebrate the (transferred) great Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven.

Please pray for the souls of Elizabeth Woods, Norah Chavagnon and Gerald Amantrading, and all who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time: HE Cardinal Bernard William Griffin, Frs. Leslie McCallum, Kevin Keany, Terence Smith and Patrick Cooney and Deacon Douglas Taylor, and also Margaret Joan (Peggy) Gleeson, Brenda Mary Browning, Michael (Stephen) Keane, Joe Barrett and Annie Ryan. 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 Patrick Downes.
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Keith Reading (Birthday).**

Collections for 7th August: £538.44; Gift Aid: £191.00.
Thank you.

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Paul Watts, Brenda O'Meara, and all those we know who are sick.

A message from the Sisters at Elmthorpe Convent: "The Salesian Sisters would like to thank all the people who sent us prayers, Mass cards, wishes and support on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of our Foundation. We are very grateful to everyone and offer prayers for their intentions. The Sisters".

Future events. There will be more information later, but please make sure you have these dates in your diaries:

1. A CAFOD Parish Day of Recollection. Saturday 24th September, 10.30 -3.30, in the Don Bosco Centre.
2. A Parish day out to Douai Abbey, with Mass, a tour and a talk. Tuesday, 11th October.
3. A Day for Parish Readers. Saturday, 19th November, 10.00-4.00 in the church and the Don Bosco Centre.

Heatwave. Please remember to keep well hydrated during the hot weather. Water and cups are available by the door into the Don Bosco Centre.

Summer holidays. If you are going away on holiday over the next few weeks, travel safely and I hope you have a lovely time. Don't forget to find out where the nearest Catholic church is.

I shall be on holiday myself from Monday, 15th August until Thursday, 1st September. The office will be closed during this time. I shall offer Mass for the intentions listed and I thank Fr. David Goodill OP, from Blackfriars, who has kindly agreed to come to celebrate next weekend's Masses here at Our Lady's and at Sacred Heart. If you need to speak to a priest while I am on holiday, please contact Canon Mervyn at Corpus Christi, Headington. Telephone: 01865 762433; Email: corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk.

Congratulations to Kathleen and John Pill and also to Antonietta and Pepe Aprea who will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday and Friday of this week respectively. May God bless them and give them joy. I also ask your prayers, please, for Lucia and Stan Newman, two friends of mine, who were married this weekend.

The Relics of St. Bernadette. Over the weekend of 7th to 10th 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 9th and 10th 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.

Annual Novena of Prayer for the Cause of Blessed Dominic Barberi. The annual Novena of Prayer in the Archdiocese begins this week, on Thursday, 18th August, and it goes on until the Feast of Blessed Dominic, 26th August. Please join the Archbishop and the family of the Diocese as we say the Novena Prayer:

Novena Prayer for the

Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi

O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will, in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church.

Mary, Mother of Holy Hope,	Pray for us.
St. John Henry Newman,	Pray for us.
Blessed Dominic Barberi,	Pray for us.

Remember: refreshments are available after Mass on Sundays. Come and have a chat with friends and make new ones.

Tailpiece: Not so much a "funny" this week as a useless bit of information: Have you ever wondered where gossamer – that delicate, filmy cobweb found in the air and on the grass, especially in autumn – comes from? Pedants will say that the spiders weave it, but according to an old legend (though I must admit, not by any theologians) it is different. According to the old legend, gossamer is nothing less than the unravelling thread from Our Lady's shroud falling to earth as she was taken up to heaven. Now, isn't that better than pedantic science?

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