



Our Lady Help of Christians

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st August, 2022

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Sunday, 21 st August Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm Mass (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 11.00 am Mass (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Cornelius Gunning Sr. Philomena Antonietta and Pepe Aprea Mariyamma
Monday, 22 nd August Mem. of the Queenship of Our Lady Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish
Tuesday, 23 rd August Feast of St. John Wall, Priest, Martyr Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	No Public Mass Today	Kitty Davies
Wednesday, 24 th August Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	No Public Mass Today	Private Intention
Thursday, 25 th August Op. Mem. of St. Louis or St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	No Public Mass Today	Private Intention
Friday, 26 th August Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi	No Public Mass Today	Private Intention
Saturday, 27 th August Memorial of St. Monica	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm	Anne Marie Lyons (Birthday)
Sunday, 28 th August Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	(9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 11.00 am Mass (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Annette Wager Kathleen McCarthy RIP (Anniv.) Martinho Amaral

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.

Welcome and thank you to Fr. David Goodill OP, from Blackfriars, who has kindly agreed to come to celebrate this weekend's Masses here at Our Lady's and at Sacred Heart.

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 soul of Paul Watts and the souls of all who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Richard J. Foster, Canon Bernard Cusworth, Frs. Alan Smith, Patrick Branagan, Francis Rowe and James Downey, Deacons Peter Kilgallon and David McCarroll, and also Annie Ryan, Gabrielle Crawforth, Ezra Moore, Elizabeth (Betty) Piercy, Adam Dennis Quelch, Peter King and Kathleen McCarthy. 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 Katherine Riley (Unwell).
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Robert Curtis (Birthday).
Our Lady’s Candle is burning this week for Godfrey and Gwen Roberts.
St. Don Bosco’s Candle is burning this week for Kitty Davies.

Holidays. I shall be on holiday until Thursday 1st September., and the office will be closed during this time. I shall offer the weekday Mass for the intentions listed. If you need to speak to a priest, please contact Canon Mervyn at Corpus Christi, Telephone: 01865 762433; Email: corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk.

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. This Day will be based on the CAFOD “Seven Station Journey” and will help us to reflect on how we use the blessings of God.
2. A Parish day out to Douai Abbey, with Mass, a tour and a talk. Tuesday, 11th October. Douai Abbey is a Benedictine Abbey at Upper Woolhampton, near Thatcham, Berkshire. It is about 36 miles from here.
3. A Day for Parish Readers. Saturday, 19th November, 10.00-4.00 in the church and the Don Bosco Centre. During Mass it is the role of the Reader to proclaim the Word of God. It is not like reading anything else. This Day for Readers will give some practical help for reading, and also some spiritual input as we approach Advent. If you are a reader or would like to be one (I should welcome new readers), please make sure this date is in your diary.

The Relics of St. Bernadette, to whom Our Lady appeared in Lourdes in 1858, will be visiting the Archdiocese and will be in the Church of the 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. To book your visit, please go to <https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/#birmingham-diocese>

Congratulations to Kathleen and John Pill and also to Antonietta and Pepe Aprea who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary last Thursday and Friday respectively. May God bless them and give them joy.

Church Etiquette. 1. Please put the kneelers up and down gently! 2. Prepare your offering before Mass so the collection is swift 3. There is a room at the back of the church for babies or tired, distracted or bored children. 4. Remember the livestream; you’re visible and audible!

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: Once Pope John XXIII visited the Hospital of the Holy Spirit in Rome, which is administered by nuns. Deeply moved by the Papal visitation, the Mother Superior introduced herself, “Holy Father, I am the Superior of the Holy Spirit.” “Well, I must say you are fortunate,” replied the Pope. “I’m only the Vicar of Christ”.

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