



Our Lady Help of Christians

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th August, 2022

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Sunday, 28 th August Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 11.00 am Mass (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Anne Marie Lyons (Birthday) Annette Wager Kathleen McCarthy RIP (Anniv.) Martinho Amaral
Monday, 29 th August <i>Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist, Martyr</i>	No Public Mass Today	Private Intention
Tuesday, 30 th August <i>Op. Mem. of Ss. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, Martyrs</i>	No Public Mass Today	Private Intention
Wednesday, 31 st August <i>Op. Memorial of St. Aidan, Bishop, & the Saints of Lindisfarne</i>	No Public Mass Today	Mr and Mrs Connelly
Thursday, 1 st September World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Special Intention
Friday, 2 nd September	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Emmi Egbuonu
Saturday, 3 rd September <i>Feast of St. Gregory the Great, Pope</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 12.00 noon Baptism Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm	Camilla Keaney Michael Iagoe (Birthday)
Sunday, 4 th September Twenty-third 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)	John Joseph McGroarty Maureen White (Anniversary) The People of the Parish
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.

Welcome back and thank you to Fr. Martin Flatman, who has kindly agreed to come to celebrate this weekend's Masses here at Our Lady's.

Please pray for the soul of Paul Watts and the souls of all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Canon Laurence Emery, Mgr. Canon Leonard Emery, Mgr. James Dunlop Crichton, Canons Laurence Hogarty and Joseph Nightingale, Frs. Isaac William Savin, Francis Toole, Brendan O'Malley, J. Basil Singleton, Bernard Salt and Thomas O'Doherty, and also Kathleen McCarthy, John Joseph Patrick O'Connor, Pietro Lindo, Sr. Iolanda Marsella FMA. 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.

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Lily & Philo Baptist and Vilma Renaux.

First Friday. This Friday is the first of the month and we shall say the Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart before the evening Mass.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Pope Francis has established 1st September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. This is the start of the Season of Creation (1st September to 4th October). To see his message and/or a summary, go to www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/News/pope-francis-issues-message-ahead-of-season-of-creation.

Pope's Prayer Intention for September: For the abolition of the death penalty. We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

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.

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

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!

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

The Relics of St. Bernadette, to whom Our Lady appeared at 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 a chance to pray in the presence of St Bernadette's relics and draw closer to Our Lady. To book your visit: <https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/#birmingham-diocese>

VISIT OF ST BERNADETTE'S RELICS:

Programme:

Sunday, 9th October 2022

9.00 pm	Arrival & Prayers of welcome
9.15 pm to Midnight	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Veneration of the Relics & Rosary Candle-lit procession
12 Midnight	Holy Mass

Monday 10th October 2022

7.00 am	Veneration of the Relics
8.00 am	Morning Prayer
8.15 am – 9.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Veneration of the Relics
10.00 am	Rosary – livestreaming to all Catholic Schools guided by: Archbishop Bernard Longley
10.30 am to 12.45 pm	Anointing of the sick
1.00 pm	Concelebrated Mass - Bishop David Evans

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall. Next Sunday, 4th September. Mass at 3.00 pm, celebrated by Canon Richard Walker VG. Confessions 1.45–2.30 pm. Free parking and picnic area. Bring your own chairs.

Holidays. I shall be back from holiday on Thursday, and the office will be closed until then. If you need to speak to a priest, please contact Canon Mervyn at Corpus Christi, Telephone: 01865 762433; Email: corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk.

Tailpiece: A lady was collecting the Christian Aid envelopes. Calling at one house she met the response: "Sorry, I can't give you anything, the dog ate the envelope." "That's alright," she countered, "I have a spare envelope." Back came the quick answer, "It's no good. He'd only eat that one too."

May God bless you and all those whom you love.

Fr. Harry