



# Our Lady Help of Christians

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11<sup>th</sup> September, 2022

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Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> September <b>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Education Day	<b>Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm</b> 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>11.00 am Mass</b> (1.00 pm Baptism at Sacred Heart) (2.00 pm Baptism at Sacred Heart) 4.30 pm Syro-Malabar Community Mass (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	The Barry Family (Intentions)  Tony Donovan Richard Carroll Marley Nelson Elijah Blake Cummins  Theresia Laru. Estanislaus and Pascoela da Silva
Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> September Optional Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart)	Special Intention
Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> September Mem. of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	The People of the Parish
Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> September Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	No Public Mass Today	Mr M. E. Connelly
Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup> September Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Thomas - RIP
Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> September Memorial of St. Cornelius, Pope, and St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Martin and Jo Borthwick
Saturday, 17 <sup>th</sup> September Op. Mem. of St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, or of St. Hildegard of Bingen	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 12.00 noon Baptism <b>Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm</b>	Cillian Molloy Maria Soares Cardoso
Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> September <b>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (formerly known as Home Mission Sunday)	<b>7.45 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>11.00 am Mass</b> 3.00 pm Syro-Malabar Community Mass (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Anne O'Neill Lawrence & Denise Borthwick  Tusin T vila Nova & GM Mesquita - RIP
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.

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: Archbishop George Patrick Dwyer, Canons Robert Nicholson and Peter McKenna, Frs. Dominic Round, Guy Colman, Richard Dinnis, Patrick Meagher and William Alfred Oddie, and also Baby Oliver Michael Knott, Antonio Abreu, Daniel Lyons and Brian Peter Harper. 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>

*“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.”*

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**Most Reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham prays for the Repose of the Soul of Queen Elizabeth II and for the new monarch, King Charles III and the Queen Consort.**

*O Lord, you have been our refuge, from one generation to the next. (Psalm 90:1)  
Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I shall give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)*

As we digest the news of the past day, these two passages from the Bible speak to me of Her Majesty the Queen's remarkable life of duty and service, as she lays down the burden of her years and begins a new life in God's presence for ever. Although the Queen's life has been long and full, this is still a time of sadness, first of all for her family, but also for so many people who have admired the Queen's dignity and dedication throughout her life.

In particular, as people of faith, we have valued her frequent references to her own faith in Christ, which has given her strength and guidance in all the circumstances of her life. Her death is the fulfilment of a long and fruitful life and we commend her soul to the loving mercy of God. We pray for her and for all those who mourn her loss, especially her family. In the midst of his own sadness, I pray for our new sovereign King Charles III, as he assumes his new responsibilities, and for the Queen Consort who stands by his side. I pray for our country at this time: that the Kingdom of God which is our final destination may influence our life on earth and our hope of Heaven.

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week in Remembrance of HM Queen Elizabeth II R.I.P**  
**Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Pat Atherton (Birthday).**  
**St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for a Special Intention (Peter).**

**Baptism:** welcome to Grace Marie Morrissey who became a child of God through Baptism this weekend. Please pray for her and for her family.

**Education Sunday.** Today is Education Sunday when we are asked to pray for the work of Catholic education across the schools of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. There will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service at Masses this weekend.

**A Parish Day of Recollection** during the Season of Creation, led by me but based on the CAFOD "Seven Station Journey", on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30-3.30, in the Don Bosco Centre. Light refreshments will be available. Bring your own lunch. Leaflets are available for more information.

**A Parish Day Out to Douai Abbey, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October.** Leave Our Lady's at 10.00 am, returning around 7.30 pm. Cost: £15.00 (donation to the Abbey). Douai Abbey is a monastery of the English Benedictine Congregation, based at Woolhampton, near Thatcham, Berkshire. We shall have Mass and join the Community for Midday Prayer; lunch (please bring a packed lunch). After lunch one of the community will show us around the Church and Library and explain their life at Douai, their history and vocation. Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm and leave around 6.30 pm. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church. To keep costs down we will be going in cars. Could you please indicate on the sheet if you can offer a lift or need a lift. Thank you.

**A Day for Parish Readers.** Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 10.00-4.00 in the church and the Don Bosco Centre. If you are (or would like to be) a reader please try to come.

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

**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 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October. To book your visit go to: <https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/#birmingham-diocese>.

**Anniversary List:** If you would like a deceased family member or friend to be remembered in the bulletin during the week of the anniversary of their death please email their name and the date of their anniversary to Geraldine in the Parish Office: [olhoc.oxford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:olhoc.oxford@rcaob.org.uk).

**Instructions in the Catholic Faith:** If you would like to become a Catholic – maybe you have not been baptised, or baptised in another Denomination, or baptised in the Catholic Church but not received the Sacrament of Confirmation – please come and have a word with me or call me.

**Remember: refreshments are available after Masses on Sundays and Tuesdays.**

**Tailpiece:** Bishop Douglas Feaver was presiding at his first Diocesan Synod Meeting. After a member had been droning on at some length someone at the back of the hall stood up to protest that they couldn't hear what was being said. Bishop Douglas replied, "You should thank God and sit down."

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