



Our Lady Help of Christians

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th September, 2022

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Sunday, 18 th September Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (formerly known as Home Mission Sunday)	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 Syro-Malabar Community Mass (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Maria Soares Cardoso Anne O'Neill Lawrence & Denise Borthwick Tusin T. vila Nova & G.M. Mesquita - RIP
Monday, 19 th September Op. Mem. of St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop, or St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 10.00 am Mass	Mary Doyle (Special Int.) HM Queen Elizabeth II
Tuesday, 20 th September Mem. of St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Comps., Martyrs	7.15 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 8.00 am Mass	Kitty Davies (Get Well)
Wednesday, 21 st September Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish
Thursday, 22 nd September	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	John McVeigh
Friday, 23 rd September Memorial of St. Pio of Pietrelcina	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	People & Peace in Ukraine
Saturday, 24 th September Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm	Joseph & Theresa (wedding)
Sunday, 25 th September Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Day of Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Harvest	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 11.00 am Mass 1.00 pm Baptisms (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	James McVeigh Mary & Michael Crown Olivia & Maja Wesolowska Andersen Carlos & Hilaria Monteiro
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.

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 Fr. Paul Devaney, Catherine Sheridan and the souls of all who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time: Canons David Mellor, Leo Twiney and Albert J. J. Adams, Frs. John Lopes, Alan Leslie Holtham, Peter Lees, John David Steward, John Hanrahan, John Roddy, Bernard McAllister, John Love, Peter Lloyd and John Bale, and also Mary Manning. 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.”

For the happy repose of HM The Queen.

Almighty God, You are the author and sustainer of all human life; grant that your servant, Elizabeth our Queen, whom you granted a long and happy reign as Monarch of these lands may be forgiven her sins and rewarded with that eternal life promised to all those born again in the water of baptism and power of your Spirit. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit God, forever and ever, Amen.

Eternal rest, grant to her O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

On Friday Cardinal Vincent took part in an Audience with King Charles who had invited senior faith leaders to Buckingham Palace. During the Audience, the King spoke to Cardinal Vincent who assured him that the Catholic community had continued, during these days of mourning, in heartfelt prayer for his mother, the late Queen Elizabeth. In response, His Majesty asked Cardinal Vincent to ensure that the Catholics of England and Wales know of his thanks and gratitude for these prayers and the Cardinal would be pleased if the King's message could be conveyed to the people of our parishes.



**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 HM King Charles III.**

The Queen's funeral. On Monday I invite you to join me at 10.00 am to offer Mass for the repose of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Then, if you would like to join me for breakfast in the Don Bosco Centre we can watch the funeral together and share some fellowship.

Mass on Tuesday. Please note that because I have to lead a funeral at South Oxfordshire Crematorium on Tuesday morning, Mass that morning will be at 8.00 am.

Baptism: welcome to Cillian Molloy who became a child of God through Baptism this weekend. Please pray for him and for his family.

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (formerly known as Home Mission Sunday). Today is Evangelii Gaudium Sunday – a day when our Bishops invite parishes to pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales. There will be a second collection at Masses this weekend to support the Bishops' work of evangelisation. Here in England, in Oxford, in our own parish, there is a pressing need for Catholics (that's you and me) to discover a renewed missionary impulse which reaches out to people who have never known Christ and his Gospel as well as to baptised Catholics who have lost a living sense of faith. The mission territory of the Church is all the world; the families and communities of this part of Oxford is ours!

A Parish Day of Recollection, in the Don Bosco Centre, 10.30-3.30 next Saturday. It will be based on the CAFOD "Seven Station Journey". Light refreshments will be available. Bring your own lunch. Leaflets are available for more information.

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

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.

Instructions in the Catholic Faith: If you would like to become a full member of the Catholic Church please come and have a word with me or call me.

A Parish Day Out to Douai Abbey, Tuesday 11th 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 we shall have a tour and talk. 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, 19th 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.

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. To book your visit go to: <https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/#birmingham-diocese>.

Musicians Wanted. We want to build up our musical base by adding singers, instrumentalists, and liturgy-planning to the efforts that are already made. If you can sing and/or can play an instrument and would like to help out, please let me know.



Tailpiece: A priest was once out visiting in his country parish, and after a long trek he eventually arrived at the door of a farmhouse. "It's a very long lane to your farm," he complained to the farmer. "Aye, 'tis," was the reply, "but if it were any shorter it wouldn't reach."

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