



# Our Lady Help of Christians

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup> September <b>Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Day of Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Harvest	<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> 2.00 pm Baptisms  (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Joseph & Theresa (wedding)  James McVeigh Mary & Michael Crown Olivia & Maja Wesolowska Andersen Carlos & Hilaria Monteiro
Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup> September Op. Mem. of Ss. Cosmas & Damian	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart)	Dorothy Gardener (Spec. Int.)
Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> September Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul, Priest	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Maryanne Borthwick (get well)
Wednesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> September Op. Mem. of St. Wenceslaus, Martyr, or Ss. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish
Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup> September Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Middleton & Murphy Families - Special Intention
Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> September Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Filomeno da Cruz Martins
Saturday, 1 <sup>st</sup> October Mem. of St. Therese of the Child Jesus	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm</b>	In Thanksgiving (Sacred Heart)
Sunday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> October <b>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>7.45 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>11.00 am Mass</b> (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Eileen McGroarty Mary Mist (Anniversary) Cecilia Michael
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today. A special welcome for any students. If you are a returning student at University, welcome back. If you are a first-year student or have just moved into this area, welcome!

We are glad that you have found us and hope that you will make your home with us while studying in Oxford. Please introduce yourself. It would be good to have a Student and Young Catholics Fellowship Group which meets in term time for prayer, worship, fellowship and support. Have a word with me if you might be interested.

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: HH Pope John Paul I, Mgrs. Michael McTernan and Henry Farrelly, Canon Peter Reilly, Frs. Gordon Banks, Paul Orchard, Edward Cotter, Laurence Daly, Denis Mary Egan, Luke Magee CP and William McGann, Deacons Michael McCormack, Anthony (Tony) Colby and John Burrows and also Robert Gharthey. 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.”*

*Our Parish Prayer: Help us, Lord, to receive you with an open heart this day.  
May our community receive your grace and deepen its faith in you.  
Make us lights to shine forth with your love, giving life and hope to those who have fallen away  
or who have never known you.*

**Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Joseph and Theresa Debono.  
St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Maria Debono.**

**Baptism:** welcome to Olivia & Maja Wesolowska Andersen who will be baptised this weekend. Please pray for them and for their family.

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

**Pope's Prayer Intention for October: for a Church open to everyone.** We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

**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). We shall have Mass and join the Community for Midday Prayer. After lunch (please bring a packed 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. 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.

**The Relics of St. Bernadette**, 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>. *Choirs from neighbouring parishes are invited to join in at the 1pm Concelebrated Mass on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October, which will be celebrated at the end of St Bernadette's Relics visit. A rehearsal will take place at The Immaculate Conception, Bicester on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 2-4pm. The contact emails are: Anne Kearsley [amk535353@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:amk535353@yahoo.co.uk) or Michael Liddell [mbl@oggs.org.uk](mailto:mbl@oggs.org.uk)*

**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.

**Salesian Cooperators' first meeting of the year** is this coming Thursday, the 29<sup>th</sup>, in the Mornese Centre at Elmthorpe Convent, at 2.30 pm. All are welcome. Contact Chris Baker 01865 770102 for more information.

**Cake Sale.** After Masses next weekend there will be a cake sale in the Don Bosco Centre, courtesy of the Salesian Cooperators, to raise funds for the Salesian Sisters' Missions.

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

**Message from Stella Maris:** "Thank you for your recent generous support for seafarers and fishers on Sea Sunday. As a follow up, Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) invites you to join a webinar on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm to learn more about the issue of seafarer abandonment, and how donations like yours on Sea Sunday are supporting those in crisis. If you would like to attend, please register in advance at [www.stellamaris.org.uk/abandonment](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/abandonment)"

**At Masses this weekend, there will be a second collection for Father Hudson's Care.** They care for the elderly, for those with learning, physical and sensory disabilities, for children and families and also provide fostering and community projects. They work with homeless people, refugees and migrants, and people experiencing social isolation. They work with people of all faiths and none, without favour or discrimination. Please call 01675 434000 if you would like to donate outside of Mass or visit [Donate | Father Hudson's Care \(fatherhudsons.org.uk\)](http://Donate.FatherHudsons.org.uk) to give online. Please give as generously as you can to this worthy cause.

**Mini Craft Fair in the Mornese Centre at Elmthorpe Convent** on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. The big gates will open at 2.00 pm. All are welcome, but regrettably there is no parking at the convent. You are welcome to park here at the church if you wish. All proceeds will go to supporting Emmaus fighting homelessness around Cowley.

**My Day By Day Booklets.** The October edition of these booklets, which give the daily Mass readings, are available at the back of church (£1).

**Newman Night Walk from Oxford to Littlemore,** (commemorating the arrival of Bl. Dominic Barberi and the anniversary of St. John Henry Newman's Reception into the Catholic Church), will take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October, from the Oratory to Bl. Dominic Barberi Church. Please see poster in the porch for more details.

**Tailpiece:** This intriguing little notice appeared in the *Banbury Guardian* a few years ago: "The Vicar, the Rev. C. O. Marston, reported an increase in the number of communicants during the year. He also stated that the death watch beetle had been confirmed in the church."

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