



Our Lady Help of Christians

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd October, 2022

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Sunday, 2 nd October Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	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 (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	<i>In Thanksgiving (Sacred Heart)</i> Eileen McGroarty Mary Mist (Anniversary) Cecilia Michael
Monday, 3 rd October <i>Mem. of St. Thomas Cantilupe</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart)	Brian Spearpoint
Tuesday, 4 th October <i>Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass (with Our Lady's School)	Paul Watts
Wednesday, 5 th October <i>Op. Mem. of St. Faustina Kowalska</i>	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish
Thursday, 6 th October <i>Op. Memorial of St. Bruno, Priest</i>	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Rolando Balbag
Friday, 7 th October <i>Mem. of Our Lady of the Rosary</i> CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Jim O'Brien and Elizabeth Woods
Saturday, 8 th October	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (11.00 am Mass for the Sick at Sacred Heart) Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm	Sick Parishioners Martinho Claudio da Salva Amarah
Sunday, 9 th October Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Prisons Week</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 11.00 am Mass 2.00 pm Baptism 3.00 pm Baptism (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Angela Fryer & Family Anne-Marie Lyons (Anniversary) Valentina Partridge Meneses Molly Lidia Daniels Antonio Maria Da Silva

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today, especially if you are new to the parish.

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.*

Collections during August: 7th August, £538.44; Gift Aid: £191.00; 14th August, £549.35; Gift Aid: £216.35;

21st August, £565.74; Gift Aid: £227.00; 28th August, £587.46; Gift Aid: £162.31.

Direct Debit Donations (July): £1,267.00; **(August):** £1,446.00. Thank you.

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.

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: Canon Tony Piercy, Frs. John Nightingale, John Danaher, Percival Styche, John Bullen, Philip Casey and John Fitzpatrick, and also Maureen Connolly, Teresa (Ann) Spencer, Mary Cromey, Pearl Jenkins, Noleen Bernadette (Bernie) Keenan and Mary Catherine Murphy. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

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“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.”

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for a Special Intention.

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Yvonne Brennan.

St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for JB and Adrian.

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 11th 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, 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, 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.

Cake Sale. After Masses this weekend there will be a cake sale in the Don Bosco Centre, courtesy of the Salesian Cooperators, to raise funds for the Salesian Sisters' Mission in Congo, central Africa, to help support school children.

Paul Watts RIP. Clare and her family would like to thank everyone for all the cards and gifts of Holy Mass on the recent death of Paul. Clare writes: “Everyone has been so kind, words aren't enough to thank you all, especially the musicians and the lovely ladies that helped in the hall afterwards. I feel very blessed to be part of such a wonderful, caring community. God bless you all, you are in my prayers.”

Mini Craft Fair in the Mornese Centre at Elmthorpe Convent on Saturday 15th October, 2.00 pm to 4.00 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.

October, the Month of the Rosary. If you are not familiar with praying the Rosary, or perhaps feel that you don't have time, I encourage you to try it this month. Perhaps start with just one decade (an Our Father, ten Hail Marys and a Glory Be) each day and increase as and when you can. It is a great prayer to say as a family.

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 8th October, from the Oratory to Bl. Dominic Barberi Church. Please see poster in the porch for more details.

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day - this Friday, 7th October – World Food Crisis. On Friday we are asked to give up some food and give the money that we save to help CAFOD in their work as millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. There will be a second collection at Masses next weekend for the money you have saved on Friday.

Children's Liturgy of the Word. We are hoping to have special sessions for children in Years 1 and 2 during the 11.00 Mass on Sunday mornings, starting in Advent, in which they can be helped to explore the Mass Readings, especially the Gospel, in a way that is appropriate for their age. But we would need adults as catechists to help run it. If you could help, please come and have a word with me. Thank you.

Mass for the Sick. There will be a special Mass, with the Anointing of the Sick, here at Our Lady's church on Saturday 15th October at 11.00 am. Please pass this on to anyone who is poorly, and if you can help them to get to the church for the Mass please try to do so. There will be refreshments in the Don Bosco Centre after Mass.

Tailpiece: While trying to sign the register at a wedding, the Best Man was having difficulty making his pen work. “Put your weight on it,” the priest whispered. He duly signed, “John Smith (twelve stone, three pounds)”.

May God bless you and all those whom you love.

Fr. Harry