



Our Lady Help of Christians

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd October, 2022

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Sunday, 23 rd October Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time World 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 (1.00 pm Baptism at Sacred Heart) (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Joao Ximenes and Raul Dos Santos Bernadette Nolan Zegen Rodrigues (2 nd Birthday) Jacob Plonski Carlos Guterres Andrade (Birthday)
Monday, 24 th October Op. Mem. of St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 1.00 pm Mass with Baptism	Maria Ribeiro Babo (Get Well) Kieron Jennings
Tuesday, 25 th October	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Bridie Barry
Wednesday, 26 th October Opt. Mem. of St. Cedd, Bishop	No Public Mass Today	Dec'd members of the O'Dwyer family
Thursday, 27 th October	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Fernando dos Santos Babo (get well)
Friday, 28 th October Feast of Ss. Simon & Jude, Apostles	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	The People of the Parish
Saturday, 29 th October	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 1.00 pm Marriage Service 1.00 pm Baptisms Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm	Shannon McCann and Kieron Jennings Jesse and Jensen Jennings Martinho Claudio da Silva Amaral
Sunday, 30 th October Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 11.00 am Mass 3.00 pm Baptisms (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Florbela I.M. Acacio, Anjo dos Santos Katherine Raj (Anniversary) Jasper and Jax Ntaate Cosme Ximenes, Adelina Fatima Lemos
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.

Collection for 16th October: £463.69; Gift Aid: £136.00.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: £165.00 (in total £627.27). Thank you.

Thank you especially to the children of Our Lady's School. They were allowed to wear their trainers to school for a donation of £1 on family fast day and as a result collected £145 for CAFOD. Wonderful!

Please pray for the soul of Fr. Stephen Innes OFM Cap, Richard Hansen and the souls of all who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time: Frs. John Galcius, Edward Burbage, Patrick Moore, John Francis McGovern, Bernard Kelly and Thomas Williams, and also Betty Etheridge, Shirley Matthews, Frances Aprea, Elizabeth (Pat) Smith, Mary Harrington and Domenico Antonio Mirto. May they rest in peace.

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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 Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Shannon and Kieron.
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for peace and stability.**

Parish Finance Committee. The next meeting of the Committee is this Monday, the 24th, at 8.00 pm.

World Mission Sunday. Today is World Mission Sunday and there will be a second collection at Masses this weekend for Missio. On this day the whole Church around the world unites in prayer for its missionary activity, and in collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world living in situations of poverty and privation. The theme chosen by the Holy Father for this year is: ‘You shall be my witnesses’ (Acts 1:8). Thank you for your ongoing support of Missio through prayer and charity. Please do all you can to celebrate this day in solidarity with the whole Church. For more information about World Mission Sunday, please visit missio.org.uk/wms.



Missio Red Boxes. If you have a Red Box, could you please bring it in to be emptied by Sunday, 13th November. You can leave boxes in the Sacristy or give them directly to me. Thank you. If you

would like more information about Missio Red Boxes please speak to Sandra Cromey.

Foundation Governors. Our Lady’s Primary School are very keen to recruit more foundation governors. Foundation Governors are appointed by the Archbishop to represent Catholic education policy in the school. It is a very important role as they are asked primarily to preserve and develop the Catholic ethos of the school. If you would like to discover more, please contact Tara Davies, T:1865 779176; E: office@ourladyscowley.co.uk.

All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Tuesday, 1st November, is the Solemnity of All Saints which is a Holyday of Obligation. That means we should all do our best to attend Mass. There will be Mass here at Our Lady’s at 9.15 am which will be attended by Our Lady’s School, and at Sacred Heart at 7.00 pm. All Souls Day will be on Wednesday, 2nd November. It is not a Holyday of Obligation, but many people like to go to Mass to pray for their deceased family and friends. There will be Mass at Sacred Heart at 9.15 am and here at 7.00 pm.

The Parish Memorial Mass for those in the parish and our family/friends who have died, especially those during the past year, will be on Saturday, 5th November, at 11.00 am. If you would like anyone’s name to be included in this commemoration please let me know. Refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

Blessing of Graves at Rose Hill Cemetery will be on Sunday 6th November at 3.00 pm. We will gather in the cemetery chapel for a service of prayer for the dead, and then we will proceed among the graves praying the Rosary and blessing them.



A Day for Parish Readers. Think about this: when a reading is done in church it is the Word of God that is being proclaimed. The Reader is a minister of God and is helping the Kingdom of God to grow. That is not something to be

taken lightly. Readers should prepare in every way possible – practically and spiritually. There will be a training day for readers, with reading practice (including tips on using a microphone) and also some spiritual reflection, on 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. Light refreshments provided; please bring your own lunch.

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Jean Carpenter, Bridie Barry, Brenda O’Meara, Claudino Serra Vaz, Phil Bawden, Pat Mazonowicz, Thomas Gaughan, David and all those we know who are sick.

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. Thank you to those who have let me know they would like to help or to know more.

There will be a short meeting after the 11.00 am Mass on Sunday, 6th November in the Chapel to make some plans. If you could help, please come. Thank you.

Tailpiece: One evening an Archbishop was visiting a school to address the parents, but to his indignation there were not many people there to listen to him. “That was a waste of my time,” he complained to the head teacher afterwards. “Did you tell them I was coming?” “No, your Grace,” replied the head, who was also feeling rather sore, “As a matter of fact I didn’t. But don’t worry: I’ll make it my business to find out who did!”

May God bless you and all those whom you love.

Fr. Harry

P.S. British Summertime ends. The clocks change next Saturday night/Sunday morning. Don’t forget to get your extra hour in bed.

