



Our Lady Help of Christians

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th October, 2022

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Sunday, 30 th October Thirty-first 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)	Martinho Claudio da Silva Amaral Florbela I.M. Accacio, Ango dos Santos Katherine Raj (Anniversary) Cosme Ximenes, Adelina Fatima Lemos
Monday, 31 st October	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart)	Luis Maria da Silva
Tuesday, 1 st November Solemnity of All Saints <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Kathleen Mullagh (Birthday) The People of the Parish
Wednesday, 2 nd November <i>Commemoration of All Souls</i>	(9.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 7.00 pm Mass	John Flanagan Bernadette Edwards (Birthday)
Thursday, 3 rd November <i>Op. Mem. of St. Martin de Porres, or of St. Winifride</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Rolly Esteban (Thanksgiving)
Friday, 4 th November <i>Mem. of St. Charles Borromeo</i> First Friday	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Thomas Gaughan (get well)
Saturday, 5 th November	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 11.00 am Parish Memorial Mass Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm	Deceased Parishioners and Friends Josie and Eddie Griffiths (get well)
Sunday, 6 th November Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	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)	Rita Da Costa, Gabriela Monteiro Ryan Davies Philomena Little

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm

Saturday 5.30 pm Eucharistic Ministers	Sunday 11.00 am Eucharistic Ministers		Saturday 5.30 pm Readers	Sunday 11.00 am Readers
Jackie	Mabel & Rachel	This weekend	Ann C.	Nalini & Stephanie
Maureen	Anne-Marie & Robin	Next weekend	Michelle	Sr. Pat & Udemé

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 for 23rd October: £549.91; Gift Aid: £165.00. **World Mission Sunday:** £218.81. Thank you.

Please pray for the soul of **Br. Stephen Innes OFM Cap, Paula Wensley, Denis Allen** and the souls of all who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time: Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville, Bishop John Barrett, Mgr. Bertram Gould, Canons Denis Toplass and Patrick Smith, Frs. John O'Dwyer, Patrick O'Sullivan, James Faulconer-Morgan, Henry Taylor, Louis Moore, James Curtin, Aengus Gabriel Donlon, James Francis Broomfield and John Brisland, and Deacon Paul Grosvenor and also Sean Bates, Patrick Hughes and Katherine (Kathleen) Raj. May they rest in peace. Funeral details for Br. Stephen are: Reception of the body on Tuesday, 1st November at 4.00 pm at St. Edmund's Church, followed by Requiem Mass on Wednesday, 2nd November at 11.00 am.

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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 Bernadette Edwards (Birthday).
Our Lady’s Candle is burning this week for Kitty Davies (Birthday).**

First Friday. The Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart will be said before Mass on Friday this week.

Marriage. Please pray for Shannon and Kieron Jennings who were married here at Our Lady’s this weekend. May God bless them in their life together. And welcome to Jesse and Jensen who received the Sacrament of Baptism.

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.



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.

The St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) Society would like to start a conference in our parish. Thank you to everyone who expressed an interest. There will be a meeting on Sunday, 20th November, when Rebecca Bristow will give a talk about the SVP and starting the conference.


All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Tuesday this week 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 Johnson Fund. The Fund exists for the support of the Secular Clergy of our Archdiocese who, on account of age, infirmity or sickness, need financial help. There will be a second collection next weekend to support the fund. Thank you very much.

Pope’s Prayer Intention for November: For children who suffer. We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

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

November is the month when we traditionally pray for those who have died.

- **November Prayers for the Dead.** There are memorial slips available to write the names of those for whom you wish to pray during November. Place the slips in the basket in front of the altar and they will be remembered at Mass during the month.
- **Blessing of graves at Rose Hill Cemetery on Sunday, 6th November, 3.00 pm.** We shall meet at the chapel at the Cemetery for a short service and then process between the graves praying the Rosary and Canon Mervyn will bless the graves at **Headington Cemetery on Saturday, 12th November, 11.30 am.**
- **Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the North Oxford Deanery, Tuesday, 15th November, 12.00 noon,** at Corpus Christi, Headington. Every year the clergy of the Deanery celebrate Mass for their deceased brothers. All welcome.
- **Parish Memorial Mass for those in the parish who have died,** especially those whose funerals have been held here during the past year, on Saturday, 5th November, 11.00 am. If you would like anyone’s name to be included, please let me know. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Don Bosco Centre.
- **Remembrance Sunday.** Sunday, 13th November. We shall have a short service after the 11.00 am Mass to lay a wreath and pray for those who have died in war and for peace. 

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. Light refreshments; please bring your own lunch.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word. Thank you to those who have let me know they would like to help. There will be a short meeting in the Chapel after the 11.00 am Mass on Sunday, 6th November to make some plans. If you could help, please come. Thank you.

Young Adult Group for 18-35’s at Holy Rood Church on Abingdon Road, Monday, 7th November, 7.30 pm, with Fr Kelvin, OCD, talking on prayer in the letters of St. Paul. It will begin with a talk followed by a discussion and ending with prayer by 9.00 pm. For further information contact Kate on 07933 765367.

Tailpiece: A child’s letter to God: *Dear God, Thank you for the baby brother. But what I prayed for was a puppy.*

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