

Our Lady Help of Christians

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Remembrance Sunday 13th November, 2022

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Sunday, 13 th November	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm	Sean Jennings (9th Anniversary)			
Thirty-third Sunday in	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer				
Ordinary Time	(9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)	Martinho Amaral			
Remembrance Sunday	11.00 am Mass	Judy Kirby (Anniversary)			
World Day of the Poor	2.00 pm Baptism	Nathan Chika Mbagwu			
World Day of the Foot	4.30 pm Syro-Malabar Community Mass				
	(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Joao Soriano & Maria Lobato Soriano			
Monday, 14 th November	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer				
	(9.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart)	Jason Family Intentions			
Tuesday, 15 th November	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer				
Op. Mem. of St. Albert the Great,	9.15 am Mass	Mary Clarke (Anniversary)			
Bishop, Doctor of the Church	(12.00 noon Mass at Corpus Christi Church)	Dec'd Clergy of the Deanery			
Wednesday, 16 th November	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish			
Op. Mem. of St. Edmund of					
Abingdon					
Thursday, 17 th November	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Patrick and Mary McGroarty			
Op. Mem. of St. Hilda, Abbess,					
Friday, 18 th November	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer				
Op. Mem. of the Dedication of	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction				
the Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul	7.00 pm Mass	John Perkins (Anniversary)			
Saturday, 19 th November	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer				
	10.00 am Mass	The People of the Parish			
	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm	Martin Jennings			
Sunday, 20 th November	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer				
Solemnity of Christ	(9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)	Brendan McNally			
the King	11.00 am Mass	Ellen Gaughan (Birthday)			
National Youth Sunday	3.00 pm Baptism	Richard Proca			
	(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Marie Rooney (Get Well)			
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
Eucharistic Ministers	Eucharistic Millisters		Readers	Readers
Vitalija	Robin & Asha	This weekend	Fallon	Ellie & Ella
Nora	Sandra & Mabel	Next weekend	Bernadette D.	Nalini & Philomena

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



Remembrance Sunday. Today is Remembrance Sunday. We shall begin our Mass at 11.00 am with two minutes' silence, and at the end of the Mass we shall have a short service to lay a wreath at the foot of the cross and pray for those who have died in past and present wars and for peace.

Baptism. This weekend we welcome Nathan Chika Mbagwu into the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for him and his family.

Solemnity of Christ the King. Next Sunday is the last of the year and it is a Day of Prayer for Young People. We shall welcome Maria Bracken from the Kenelm Youth Trust – the Youth service in the Diocese – and there will be a second collection for the Catholic Youth Services.

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. Amen.

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

Please pray for the soul of Fr. Ian Ker, Paula Wensley, Denis Allen, Mary Florence and the souls of all who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time: Canon Joseph William Dunne, Frs. Michael O'Keefe, Petroc Howell, Laurence Smith, Thomas Stanislaus O'Connor, William Matthew Boyle, Joseph Ryan, James O'Sullivan, Raymond Jones, Bernard Boulton and Thomas Havekin, Deacon John Burton, Srs. Lisetta Ferrari, Mary Mulhall, Mary Dooley and Teresa Shannon FMA, and also Patrick Lynch, John Perkins, Peggy Byrne, Sean Jennings, Sylvia Whaley, Marjorie (Maggie) Chungtuyco, Judy Kirby, Mary Clarke and Roger Afford. 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."

Collections for 5th/6th November: £584.55; Gift Aid: £210.00. Johnson Fund: £187.12. Direct Debit Donations (October): £1,291.00.

Online Donations via the Archdiocesan Website (October): £100.00. Thank you.

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Sr. Janet's Intention. The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Sr. Helen's Intention.



Missio Red Boxes. If you have a Red Box, could you please bring it in this weekend. You can leave boxes in the Sacristy or give them to me. Thank you.

Our Parish Lunch.

There will be a lunch, with a good variety of choices, in the Don Bosco Centre after the 11.00 Mass on Sunday, 4th December. Come along and enjoy the company of friends, and raise some funds for the Parish at the same time.

Tickets: £8 per adult / £4 per child Further details will follow, but please put this date in your diary.

Prizes for the raffle would be welcomed.

The Advent Walk With Me booklet is now available for £1, with daily and Sunday reflections. Walk With Me can be a wonderful resource to give to relatives, friends and work colleagues who are interested in discovering the true meaning of Christmas. There are also copies of the Advent Day by Day booklets (also £1) which have the readings used at Mass for each day of Advent.

The St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) Society. It would be great to start a conference here. Rebecca Bristow will be here again at the 11.00 am Mass next Sunday, 20th November, to meet all those interested after Mass.

Children's Liturgy of the Word. Advent starts two weeks from this weekend, and so does the Children's Liturgy. Thank you to those who have let me know they would like to help. If you would like to help, please have a word with me. Thank you.

A Day for Parish Readers.

Next Saturday 19th November. Start with Mass, 10.00 am. The day will give special attention to the approaching season of Advent, and Mary Casey, who trains the seminarians at Oscott College, is coming from Birmingham to give some practical help to readers. The day will end at 3.30 pm. If you are (or would like to be) a reader please try to come. Bring your own lunch.

Young Adult Group for 18-35's at Holy Rood Church on Abingdon Road, Monday, 21st November, 7.30 pm, with Fr Alex, OCD. He will be talking on 1 Timothy 4:18-16 - Values for Godly living (Part 1). It will end with prayer by 9.00 pm. Contact Kate on 07933 765367 if you have any questions. All are welcome.

Homes for Ukraine Matching Service. If you have room in your home and your heart to consider welcoming the stranger, then please visit https://sjoqhomesforukraine.uk/ for more information.

Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the North Oxford Deanery, next Tuesday, 15th November, 12.00 noon, at Corpus Christi, Headington. All welcome.

Tailpiece: A vicar's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day she asked him why. "Well, Dear," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages, "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon." "Oh," said his daughter, much impressed. There was a pause and then she asked, "So why doesn't He do it?"

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