



# Our Lady Help of Christians

## Solemnity of Christ the King

20<sup>th</sup> November, 2022

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Sunday, 20 <sup>th</sup> November <b>Solemnity of Christ the King</b> National Youth Sunday	<b>Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm</b> 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 11.00 am Mass 3.00 pm Baptism (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Martin Jennings  Brendan McNally Ellen Gaughan (Birthday) Richard Proca Marie Rooney (Get Well)
Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup> November Memorial of the Presentation of Our Lady	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart)	Michael Cullen
Tuesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> November Memorial of St. Cecilia, Martyr	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Claudio da Silva Amaral and Andreas Soares
Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> November Op. Mems of St. Clement I, or St. Columban	No Public Mass Today	John Edward Pill
Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> November Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, Martyrs	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Deonpeter (Thanksgiving)
Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> November Op. Mem. of St. Catherine of Alexandria	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	The People of the Parish
Saturday, 26 <sup>th</sup> November	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 2.30 pm Mass <b>Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm</b>	Francisca Guterres Josephine McMahon (Anniv.)
Sunday, 27 <sup>th</sup> November <b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 11.00 am Mass 2.00 pm Baptism (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Edward and Mary Murphy Helen Towey (Birthday) Yara Matthews Filomeno Martins

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
Nora	Sandra and Mabel	This weekend	Bernadette D.	Children
Zoja	Rachel and Anne-Marie	Next weekend	Ann C.	Sandra and Stephanie

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

**Baptism.** This weekend we welcome Richard Proca into the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for him and his family.



**Solemnity of Christ the King.** Today is the last Sunday of the Church's year and it brings to a climax the whole of the message of our salvation in Jesus by acknowledging Him as our Lord and King in every aspect of our life. It is especially a Day of Prayer for Young People, and children will be taking the lead at the 11.00 am Mass this Sunday. At the Masses this weekend we 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 and the souls of all who have died recently,** and all whose anniversaries occur around this time: Archbishop John McIntyre, Canons Philip Coyne and Maurice Woulfe, Frs. Francis Lockett, David Higham, Gerry Jackson Michael Connolly, Deacon Pat Linthwaite, and Srs. Margaret Renshaw, Kathleen Jones and Mary Cairns FMA, Grace Gingell, Denis Fitzgibbon, Valerie Mostopher, Francis Piggott, Josephine McMahon, and Michael Cullen. 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."*

**Collection for 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> November:** £566.03; Gift Aid: £161.00. Thank you.

**The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week in Thanksgiving.**

**Missio Red Boxes.** Thank you to everyone who brought in their Red Boxes, and thank you for your generosity and support. If you have not already done so, please collect your empty box from the Don Bosco Centre after Mass.

#### **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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 (or whatever you can afford), with daily and Sunday reflections. There are also copies of the **Advent Day by Day** booklets (also £1) which have the Mass readings 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 for the 11.00 am Mass today to meet all those interested in the Don Bosco Centre after Mass.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word.** Advent starts next week, 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.

**Young Adult Group** for 18-35's at Holy Rood Church on Abingdon Road, Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> 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://sjoq-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

**Sacred Heart Christmas Bazaar**  
in the Sacred Heart parish hall,  
Balfour Road, Blackbird Leys, OX4 6BD,  
NEXT Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2.00-4.00 pm.  
All welcome.

**Diocesan Directories.** Do you want to know where any priest of the Diocese is now? Or perhaps you need to know where to find a Catholic Church in Wolverhampton (or anywhere else in the Birmingham Diocese). If so, you want a Diocesan Directory. The new directories are available from the piety stall. (Spiral bound: £4.50, plain bound: £3.50).

**Job Vacancy.** The Archdiocese is seeking a visionary Director of Education Services to serve its 237 schools. Catholic Education is vital to the Archdiocese, which has placed young people and families at the heart of its vision. The schools will play a significant role in building even closer relationships and co-responsibility between parish, school and home. Applications end Monday 28 November. Visit [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs) to find out more.

**Tailpiece:** Dearly wishing for a child, a couple asked their priest to pray for them. "I'm going on sabbatical to Rome," he replied. "I'll light a candle in St. Peter's for you." When the priest returned two years later, he found the wife tending two sets of twins. Delighted, the priest asked where her husband was. "He's gone to Rome," came the harried reply, "to blow out that candle."

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