



# Our Lady Help of Christians

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

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Sunday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February <b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm</b> 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>11.00 am Mass</b> (4.30 pm Syro-Malabar Community Mass) (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Mary Clarke  Florrie Murphy Daniel Tang (Intentions)  The People of the Parish
Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> February	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Sacred Heart)	John Gerard Flanagan and John Flanagan (Anniv.)
Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> February Feast of Ss. Cyril & Methodius Day of Prayer for Europe	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>9.15 am Mass</b> 10.00 am Prayer and Praise Group	Daniel Tang (Intentions)
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> February	No Public Mass Today	Winnie de Souza
Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> February	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Comsetta Peter
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> February Op. Mem. of the Seven Founders of the Order of Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	Mark Shingleton (Get Well)
Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup> February	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 11.00 am Mass <b>Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm</b>	Santiago Augusto Anne Mullagh
Sunday, 19 <sup>th</sup> February <b>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Day for the Unemployed	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>11.00 am Mass</b> (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Cecilia Michael Daniel Tang (Intentions) The People of the Parish

Confessions: 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
Zoja	Asha and Sandra	<b>This weekend</b>	Fallon	Ella and Ellie
Agnes	Mabel and Rachel	<b>Next weekend</b>	Bernie D	Sandra and Stephanie

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

**Collections during January:** 1<sup>st</sup> January, £883.66; Gift Aid: £349.00; 8<sup>th</sup> January, £480.42; Gift Aid: £126.00; 15<sup>th</sup> January, £458.67; Gift Aid: £88.00; 22<sup>nd</sup> January, £535.58; Gift Aid: £194.70; 29<sup>th</sup> January, £628.60; Gift Aid: £255.65.

**Christmas Crib Offerings:** £390.78. **Pax Christi:** £147.08. **Lepra:** £206.92.

**Direct Debit Donations (December):** £1,292.00. Thank you.

**Prayers for the Sick.** Please pray for Felix Saulong, Jr., Jean Carpenter, Brenda O'Meara, Phil Bawden, Pat Mazonowicz, Thomas Gaughan, Doreen Cox and all those we know who are sick.

**We pray for all those who have died recently:** Sr. Helen Carey FMA, Canon Gary Byrne, Ryszard Kaniszewski, Richard Hansen, Eufemia Maria Gentile Mastroddi, William McDermott and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Joseph Vincent Healey, Mgr. Canon Peter W. Lawler, Frs. William Connick, James McGloin, Charles Joseph O'Reilly, William Conefrey, Joseph McEvilly, Timothy Healy, Terence McDonnell and Francis Jordan, and also Nancy McGrath, Bridie Willoughby and Reece Knott. May they rest in peace.

Sister Helen's funeral will be here at 10.30 am on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

William McDermott's funeral will be at the Immaculate Conception, Bicester, on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

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*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.*

**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.”*

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for the victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.**

**Our Lady’s Candle is burning this week for Mabel (get well).**

**St. Don Bosco’s Candle is burning this week for Bob Hinchon (Birthday).**

**Prayer and Praise Group.** Starts this Tuesday after the 9.15 am Mass and coffee. You are invited to spend some time with others, praying and giving praise to God.

**Our Lady Help of Christians Healing Group** in the Chapel after the 11.00 am Sunday Mass.

**Invitation from CAFOD.** CAFOD’s Big Lent Walk is for a school, a parish, or a group of friends to walk together. Walk when and where you choose over 40 days, alone or with friends, have fun or take time to pray and reflect. As a Lent commitment, it’s an inspiring way to bring our faith into every day of Lent, and support others in need. For more go to [walk.cafod.org.uk](http://walk.cafod.org.uk)

**I hope to do a sponsored walk around the boundary of the parish to raise money for the parish. If you wish to walk with me you could do it to raise money for CAFOD. If we do it in easy stages (perhaps two miles each day) we could get round Our Lady’s parish and also Sacred Heart parish by Easter.**

**From the Society of The Work, Littlemore.** “We are pleased to let you know that from Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> February until 9.00 pm on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> February there will be **40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration** in Newman’s Chapel at Littlemore to pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Benedict XVI and of all Holy Souls.”

**First Holy Communion.** Children aged 8+ are invited to start preparing to receive Holy Communion.

- Preparation classes will be in the Don Bosco Centre (the parish hall) on Thursday afternoons, at 3.30 pm, starting on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February.
- The Mass of Enrolment will be on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> February.

Parents, if you haven’t done so already, please register your children’s names with me this week on-line at <https://olhoccowley.co.uk/forms/application-first-holy-communion-reconciliation>.

**Friends of the Holy Land** have organised a fundraising concert featuring the London Welsh Male Voice Choir supported by The Priests in a combined performance. On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February at Westminster Cathedral, starting at 7:30 pm. Tickets, starting at £20, are available now through Eventbrite at - <http://bit.ly/3i0ath2> or search *LW MVC Concert at Westminster Cathedral*.

**Lent 2023.**

1. **My Day By Day** and the **Walk With Me** Booklets will be available.
2. **Stations of the Cross** after Mass each Friday.
3. **Parish Lent Day of Recollection**, Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm.
4. **Penance Service**, Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 5.30 pm.
5. **Mass at 10.00 am followed by Confessions** on Saturday mornings at Sacred Heart, when possible.
6. **Mass on Monday mornings at 7.00 am**, followed by breakfast.

**Lent House Masses.** If you would like/be willing to host Mass in your home during Lent, please let me know.

**Ashes for Ash Wednesday (22<sup>nd</sup> February).** If you have palms from last Palm Sunday that we could use to make the ashes, please let me have them this week.

**CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal.** CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. If you can help again, please make a donation to the retiring collection as you leave Mass today or by visiting CAFOD’s Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>

**Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 27<sup>th</sup> March.** Led by Mgr. Daniel McHugh. £699.00 per person sharing (single supplement £150.00). Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. For more information contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)

**Tailpiece.** There is a story how, after a particularly convivial dinner, a certain politician crossed the floor and bowed low to a fellow diner, saying: ‘Beautiful Lady in Red, will you please dance this waltz with me?’ The reply came: ‘I fear not, Sir, for three reasons. Firstly, I think you are too drunk to dance. Secondly, this is not a waltz, but someone’s National Anthem. And thirdly, because I am not a Beautiful Lady in Red, but the Papal Nuncio!’

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

**Fr. Harry.**