



# Our Lady Help of Christians

## Second Sunday of Lent

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<p>Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments</p>	<p><b>Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm</b> 7.45 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>11.00 am Mass</b> (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</p>	<p>MaryAnne Borthwick (Get Well) Thomas Gaughan (Get Well) Daniel Tang (Intentions) Ansel Netto</p>
<p>Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> March</p>	<p><b>7.00 am Mass</b> 8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer (5.30 pm Reception at Sacred Heart)</p>	<p>The People of the Parish Felix Saulong</p>
<p>Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March Op. Com. of Ss. Perpetua &amp; Felicity</p>	<p>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer <b>9.15 am Mass</b> (11.30 am Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart)</p>	<p>In Thanksgiving (to Nossa Senhora de Fatima and de Lourdes) Felix Saulong</p>
<p>Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March Op. Com. of St. John of God</p>	<p>No Public Mass Today</p>	<p>John Trinder (Birthday)</p>
<p>Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> March Op. Com. of St. Frances of Rome</p>	<p>(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</p>	<p>Fr. David Hartley (Intentions)</p>
<p>Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March</p>	<p>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer <b>1.30 pm Requiem Mass</b> 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction <b>7.00 pm Mass</b> 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>Francis (Tommy) Billington Judith Flynn (Get Well)</p>
<p>Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> March</p>	<p>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer <b>10.00 am Mass</b> <b>Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm</b></p>	<p>Dorrie Price Mrs Brennan (ill)</p>
<p>Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> March <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments Dementia Prayer Week</p>	<p>7.45 am Office of Readings &amp; 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)</p>	<p>Methodia Method Anthony Raj (Anniversary) The People of the Parish</p>
<p>Confessions: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm (At Sacred Heart: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm)</p>		

Saturday 5.30 pm Eucharistic Ministers	Sunday 11.00 am Eucharistic Ministers		Saturday 5.30 pm Readers	Sunday 11.00 am Readers
Bernadette	Robin and Asha	<b>This weekend</b>	Naomi and Michelle	Nalini and Sandra
Josie	Sandra and Mabel	<b>Next weekend</b>	Ann C	Udeme and John

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

Collection for 26<sup>th</sup> February: £624.47; Gift Aid: £143.00. Thank you.

We pray for all those who have died recently: William McDermott, Francis (Tom) Billington, Felix Saulong, Regine Umurungi and Barbara Harrold, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Canons Peter Taylor and Anthony Allport, Frs. John Pinkman, Robert Wright, Humphrey Crookenden CO, Terence Luxon, Francis Johnson, Thomas Fullerton CO, Joseph Purcell, Ralph Sheppey-Greene and Christopher Thornton, Deacons James Rowe and Philip Prince, and also Elizabeth Perry, Basil (Les) Winter, Catherine (Kathleen) Quirke, Stephen (Steve) Fontaine and Mary Kate McTague. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

*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 Sean Jennings (Birthday).**

**The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Martin Atherton (Intentions).**

**St. Joseph’s Candle is burning this week for Thomas Griffin (Birthday).**

**Parish Lent Day of Recollection**, next Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, starting with Mass at 10.00 am and finishing at 4.00 pm. This is open to everyone, but will be especially aimed at Eucharistic Ministers, in preparation for renewal of their ministry on Maundy Thursday. Light refreshments will be provided. Please let me know if you are intending to come.

**Lent Fast Day.** You will be able to put whatever you saved by fasting last Friday into the second collection at Masses this weekend (or you can donate on the CAFOD website: [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give)). This Lent, your donations will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that CAFOD can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Please also pray for CAFOD’s development and emergency response work all over the world.

**Morning Prayer of the Church.** I pray the Office of Readings and Morning Prayer, usually at 8.00 am, and I should welcome your company if you would care to join me, either in person or on the live streaming.

**Parish Penance Service followed by Confessions**, Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 5.30 pm.

**During Lent there will be Mass on Monday mornings at 7.00 am**, followed by breakfast.

**Cake Sale.** This weekend after Mass the Salesian Cooperators will be selling cakes to raise funds for the missionary work of the Salesian Sisters.

**Pope’s Prayer Intention for March: For victims of abuse.** We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

**Dementia Prayer Week, 12-19<sup>th</sup> March.** We remember especially the often-forgotten pain of those suffering with dementia, and those who care for them. Prayers, short videos, printable materials, and other resources can be found at [www.rpbooks.co.uk/dementia-prayer-week](http://www.rpbooks.co.uk/dementia-prayer-week)

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

**Prayer and Praise.** The Prayer and Praise Group will meet this month on the third Tuesday of the month (i.e. Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March).

**Sr. Helen Carey RIP.** Sr. Norma, the Sisters and Sr. Helen’s family would like to thank all who joined us to give thanks to the Lord for the gift of Sr. Helen’s life during last week’s funeral. It was with deep gratitude that we felt the support of so many of you. We assure you of our grateful prayer.

**Mass for Missio**, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 12.00 noon at St Chad’s Cathedral. Missio is the Pope’s charity for World Mission and supports the Church in greatest need, where it is growing and where it is suffering. All supporters of Missio, through prayer, through giving to the Red Box, as local secretaries are invited to a Diocesan Mass at St. Chad’s Cathedral with Archbishop Bernard Longley and representatives from Missio and Mill Hill Missions. This will be a wonderful occasion to thank God for the work of Missio and to pray for the work of the Church’s Mission to the world.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.** Canon Mervyn from Corpus Christi, Headington, is leading a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, 22<sup>nd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> August, price £1,995.00 pp (single suppl. £450). See [www.corpuschristiheadington.co.uk](http://www.corpuschristiheadington.co.uk) for more details and to book.

**Easter Duties.** All Catholics who have made their First Holy Communion should receive the Holy Eucharist sometime between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost Sunday. They should also take part in the Sacrament of Penance before receiving this Easter Communion.

**Tailpiece:** A young priest was nervous about hearing Confessions, so he asked an older priest to sit in the box with him. After a while the older priest asked him to step outside for a few suggestions. “When you are listening to what the penitent is saying try to look reverent and prayerful”. The young priest tried it. Then the older priest said, “Try to be encouraging and say things like, ‘I understand, yes, go on.’” The young priest tried that too. The older priest concluded, “Now, don’t you think that’s better than slapping your knee and saying, ‘No way! What happened next?’”

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

**Fr. Harry.**