



# Our Lady Help of Christians

## Third Sunday of Easter

23rd April, 2023

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Happy Easter, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Sunday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> April <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass</b> <b>7.45 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</b> (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>11.00 am Mass</b> 3.00 pm Baptism (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Nancy Lyons (Birthday)  Alia Ouseph & Roy Matthews Antonio Da Silva Aigbomodion Ian Otiobhi The People of the Parish
Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> April Solemnity of St. George, Martyr, Patron of England	<b>7.00 am Mass</b> 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Anton Debono
Tuesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> April Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist	<b>7.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</b> (8.30 am Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart)	Julia Moran
Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Feria	No Public Mass Today	Clare Watts
Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Feria	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Paddy McCartney (Anniversary)
Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> April Op. Mem. of St. Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr, or of St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, Priest	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	Annie & John Kennedy (Anniversary)
Saturday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe Day of Prayer for Europe	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)  <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>	In Thanksgiving to Nossa Senhora de Fatima Laurie Debono
Sunday, 30 <sup>th</sup> April <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> World Day of Prayer for Vocations	<b>7.45 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</b> (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>11.00 am Mass</b> 3.00 pm Baptism (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Cecilia Michael Igor Bogatirjov (Anniversary) Annemary Selin The People of the Parish

Confessions: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm

(Confessions at Sacred Heart: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45; Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am)

Saturday 5.30 pm Eucharistic Ministers	Sunday 11.00 am Eucharistic Ministers		Saturday 5.30 pm Readers	Sunday 11.00 am Readers
Zoja	Anne-Marie and Anne	<b>This Weekend</b>	Naomi and Ann	John, Nalini and Sandra
Agnes	Robin and Asha	<b>Next Weekend</b>	Fallon	Udeme, John and Nalini

### The Easter Season

The Easter Season began on Easter Sunday, and ends after Evening Prayer on Pentecost Sunday. These fifty days are a very special time and, as St. Athanasius wrote, they “are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one great Sunday.” The joyful sound of “Alleluia!” is heard many times throughout this season.

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

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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.*

**Prayers for the Sick.** Please pray for Aveen Kavanagh, Jean Carpenter, Phil Bawden, Thomas Gaughan, Doreen Cox, Anne Delaney, Pat Mazonowicz and all those we know who are sick.

**Please pray for those who have died recently: Bishop David McGough, Dermot McMahan, Cajetan Pereira, Nicholas Dore, Julia Moran,** and also those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bishop Patrick Leo McCartie, Frs. Benjamin Cox, Wilfrid Davenport, Desmond Donnelly and Peter Dennison, Deacon Peter Seeney, and also Alfonso Pereira, Sheila Dempsey, Ellen Bolger, Peter Nottingham, Elisabeth Fitzgibbons, Gaspare Licata, Annie Kennedy and John Gingell. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

**If you wish to join us for Mass or other services from your home go to <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians> Here is an Act of Spiritual Communion to say at home:**

*“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.”*

**Prayer at the end of Mass:**

*Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia;  
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,  
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia:  
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.*

**O Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.  
For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia,  
Has risen as he said, alleluia.  
Pray for us to God, alleluia.**

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Neil Murphy (Birthday).  
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for this Country, her Dowry.  
St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for Sr. Pat (Intentions).**

**Please note that because of the Requiem Mass for Julia Moran at Sacred Heart, there will be no Mass here at Our Lady's on Tuesday morning.**

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

**Solemnity of St. George.** In case you are wondering what has happened to St. George's Day today – it's been moved to Monday for this week because the celebration of the Day of Resurrection is more important.

**Salesian Cooperators.** There will be a meeting this Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 pm in Elmthorpe Convent.

**Gift Aid Boxes.** Thank you to those who have collected their new Gift Aid envelopes, and a reminder to those who have yet to do so that they are available at the back of the church. Please let Geraldine know if you no longer need the boxes. Thank you.

**Sacramental Preparation:**

- 1. The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May, at 6.00 pm.
- 2. First Holy Communion** will be on the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> June.

**Coronation of King Charles III.** On Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, we shall have Mass at 10.00 am followed by a bring-and-share breakfast/lunch in the Don Bosco Centre as we watch the ceremonies together. All welcome.

**Easter Duties.** Remember! The Church says that 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.

**Parish Finance Meeting.** On Monday evening there will be a joint meeting of the Parish Finance Committee and the Fundraising Committee to consider what are the priorities for spending over the next year in Our Lady's and how we are going to raise the money to do them. The meeting will start at 8.00 pm and is open to anyone in the Parish who would like to attend.

**Clergy Training Fund.** Next Sunday is “Good Shepherd Sunday” or Vocations Sunday. It is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations when we pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life in our Archdiocese. There will be the annual collection at Masses for the Clergy Training Fund which supports our seminarians and diaconate students.

**Tailpiece:** Five-year-old Brian had a vital part to play in his Easter school assembly: it was his job to announce “*He is not here; he is risen*” (Luke 24:6). Unfortunately, he forgot what to say, and the teacher had to whisper it to him. He then confidently grabbed the microphone and shouted, “He's not here; he's in prison!”

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