



# Our Lady Help of Christians

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

30<sup>th</sup> April, 2023

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Happy Easter, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Sunday, 30 <sup>th</sup> April <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>  World Day of Prayer for Vocations	<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)	Laurie Debono  Cecilia Michael Igor Bogatirjov (Anniversary) Annemary Selin The People of the Parish
Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May Op. Mem. of St. Joseph the Worker	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>10.00 am Mass</b>	Anne Rhodes (Birthday)
Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May Mem. of St. Athanasius, Bishop	No Public Mass Today	Lorraine Tollemache
Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May Feast of Ss. Philip & James	No Public Mass Today	Kathleen Pill (Intentions)
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> May Feast of the English Martyrs	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Jos & Priya
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> May Easter Feria	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	HM Queen Elizabeth II RIP & HM King Charles III
Saturday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May Easter Feria	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>10.00 am Mass</b> 4.00 pm Baptisms <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>	King Charles III & Queen Camilla Noah & Itzel Solorzano Chano Bernadette Dynes
Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</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> 1.00 pm Baptism (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Luciana Viviana da Silva Josie Coughlan (Intentions) Tommy Burke Thanksgiving (Ercia & Jaffe B'days)

Confessions: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm

(Confessions at Sacred Heart: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45)

Saturday 5.30 pm Eucharistic Ministers	Sunday 11.00 am Eucharistic Ministers		Saturday 5.30 pm Readers	Sunday 11.00 am Readers
Agnes	Robin and Asha	<b>This Weekend</b>	Fallon	Udeme, John and Nalini
Henry	Sandra and Mabel	<b>Next Weekend</b>	Naomi	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.

**First Friday.** This Friday is the First of the month. Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart will be said before Mass.

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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, Pat Mazonowicz and all those we know who are sick.

**Please pray for those who have died recently: Anne Delaney, Julia Moran, Jose Do Livramento De Abreu, Thomas White,** and also those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Canon Bernard Hurrill, Frs. Peter Cooney, Peter Heath, David Duggan, Thomas William O'Connor, Michael Byrne and James Dutton, Deacon James Fantham, and also John Gingell, Igor Bogatirjov, and Maureen Hinken. 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.*

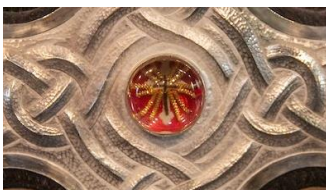
**O Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.  
For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia,  
Has risen as he said, alleluia.  
Pray for us to God, alleluia.**

**The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Clare Curtis (Birthday).  
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Jean Hinchon (Birthday).  
St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for Sr. Maria's Intentions.  
St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Kathleen Pill (Intentions).**

**Clergy Training Fund.** Today 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 this weekend for the Clergy Training Fund which supports our seminarians and diaconate students.

**Baptism.** This weekend we welcome Annemary Selin into the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for her and her family.

**Coronation of King Charles III.** The bishops of England and Wales encourage Catholics to pray for King Charles ahead of his coronation in Westminster Abbey on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May. They also recommend that a Mass for the King be offered on the eve of the coronation. Accordingly, Mass will be offered in Our Lady's for the late Queen and the new King at 7.00 pm next Friday. There are prayer cards available for you to take away at the back of the church.



Pope Francis has given a relic of the True Cross to HM King Charles III. It has been put into the Cross of Wales which will lead the Coronation procession.

Next Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, we shall have Mass at 10.00 am followed by a bring-and-share breakfast/lunch as we watch the ceremonies together in the Don Bosco Centre, next to the church. You are all invited and welcome.

**Antonietta Aprea** would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and presents on her recent birthday.

**Congratulations** to Kevin and Sorcha Morrissey who were married recently in Kiltrush, Co. Clare. May God bless them in their life together.

**Missio (red) Boxes.** Could anyone with a red box please bring it in to be emptied by Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May. You can leave it in the Sacristy. Thank you.



**Rosary Group.** During the month of May we shall pray the Rosary during the Holy Hour on Friday evenings.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for May: For Church movements and groups.**

**The Divine Mercy Apostolate** is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 115 Headley Way, OX3 7SS, on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 1.30-4.30 pm, led by the Marian Fathers. All welcome. Please call Millie on 07957 594 646 for more information.

**Tailpiece:** Three men were talking about their sons. The first said, “My son was born on St. George's Day, so we called him George”. “That's a coincidence,” said the second. “My son was born on St. David's Day so we decided to call him David.” “Yes, that really is a coincidence,” said the third. “Exactly the same thing happened with my son, Pancake.”

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