



# Our Lady Help of Christians

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

7<sup>th</sup> May, 2023

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Happy Easter, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Fifth 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> 1.00 pm Baptism (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Bernadette Dynes  Luciana Viviana da Silva Josie Coughlan (Intentions) Tommy Burke Thanksgiving (Ercia & Jaffe B'days)
Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Easter Feria</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>10.00 am Mass</b>	Marian Boggis (Intentions)
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Easter Feria</i> Day of Prayer for the Survivors of Sexual Abuse	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>9.15 am Mass</b> 10.00 am Prayer and Praise Group	Michael Iago (Anniversary)
Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Op. Mem. of St. John of Avila</i>	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish
Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Easter Feria</i>	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Peter
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Op. Memorials of Ss. Nereus &amp; Achilles, or St. Pancras, Martyrs</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	Mercedes Carrera Paredes
Saturday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>12.00 noon Mass</b>  <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>	In Thanksgiving for 100 years of Our Lady's Catechists In thanksgiving for friendship
Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Sixth 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> 4.30 pm Syro-Malabar Community Mass (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Margaret Crowe (Anniversary) Sr. Maria  Patsy Jennings

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
Henry	Sandra and Mabel	This Weekend	Naomi	John and Nalini
Bernadette	Rachel and Anne-Marie	Next Weekend	Ann C	Ellie and Ella

### 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, 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: Bishop Joseph Gray, Canon Francis Woodward, Frs. Donal O'Connor, Francis Carr, Walter Joseph Joret and Patrick Cocklin, Deacon James Duffy, and also Frank Treacy, Robert Curtis, Michael Iagoe, Ivor Bridgewater and Monica Pope. 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 Anne Delaney RIP.  
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Robert Curtis (Anniversary).  
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Sr. Esther's Intentions.  
St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for Sister Norma's Intentions.**

**Baptisms.** This weekend we welcome Noah and Itzel Solorzano Chano and Tommy Burke into the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for them and their families.

**Missio Red Boxes.** If you have a Red Box, could you please bring it in to be emptied by next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May. You can leave boxes in the Sacristy or give them directly to me. Thank you. If you would like to know more about Missio Red Boxes please speak to Sandra Cromey.



**Cake Sale.** After Masses this weekend the Salesian Cooperators will be selling cakes to raise funds for the missionary work of the Salesian Sisters.

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

**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.

**Cream Tea.** On Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> May, 3.00-4.30 pm, we are planning to have a Cream Tea in the church hall to raise funds for the renovation of the church floor. More details to follow, but please put the date in your diary.

**Mabel** would like to thank everyone for the gifts, Mass cards, flowers, and birthday cards for her birthday.

**Our Lady's Catechists.** For the past 25 years I have been privileged to be the chaplain of Our Lady's Catechists – a national organisation of catechists formed 100 years ago at the request of Cardinal Bourne to help with the religious education of Catholic children, particularly those unable to attend Catholic schools. Next Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, Bishop Peter Doyle will be coming here to celebrate Mass for the Centenary of OLC and to give thanks to God for His graces. The Mass will also mark the closure of OLC as each diocese now has its own organisations for training and equipping catechists. Everyone is welcome to the Mass at noon.

**The Prayer and Praise Group** will meet in the Chapel this Tuesday, after Mass and refreshments. All welcome.

**Healing Group.** Next Sunday we welcome the members of the Healing Group to the 11.00 am Mass.

**May Devotions.** Next Sunday at 2.30 pm at Littlemore, there will be Rosary in the Newman College Garden followed by a Procession in honour of Our Lady from The College to Blessed Dominic Barberi Church, with the Crowning of Our Lady and Benediction.

**Tailpiece:** Old Dan was fond of a drink. One evening his parish priest found him in the street very much under the influence. "Dan," said the priest, sternly, "If God called you now what would you do?" After some thought Dan replied, "I wouldn't be able to go, Father."

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