



Our Lady Help of Christians

Sixth Sunday of Easter

14th May, 2023

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Happy Easter, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Sunday, 14 th May Sixth Sunday of Easter	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 11.00 am Mass 4.30 pm Syro-Malabar Community Mass (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	In thanksgiving for friendship Margaret Crowe (Anniversary) Sr. Maria Patsy Jennings
Monday, 15 th May Easter Feria	7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	The People of the Parish
Tuesday, 16 th May Easter Feria	No Public Mass Today	Pearl Jones (94 th Birthday)
Wednesday, 17 th May Easter Feria	11.00 am Requiem Mass	Anne Delaney
Thursday, 18 th May Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Holyday of Obligation	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass 10.30 am Requiem Mass (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Dec'd Lyons and Kennedy Families Jose Do Livramento De Abreu Liz Fitzgibbon
Friday, 19 th May Optional Memorial of St. Dunstan, Bishop	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.30 am Good Shepherd Mass (4.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart) 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Fr. Hudson's Care Nossa Senhora da Penha (Cosme Ximenes) Peter Cox (10 th Anniversary)
Saturday, 20 th May Op. Mem. of St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest, Missionary	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Martinho Amaral Konrad Mihailov (Anniversary)
Sunday, 21 st May Seventh Sunday of Easter World Communications Day	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 11.00 am Mass (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Tom Hiceta (Anniversary) Jordan, Louisa & Francesca Summers The Confirmandi

Confessions: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm

(Confessions at Sacred Heart: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm; 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
Bernadette	Rachel and Anne-Marie	This Weekend	Ann C	Ellie and Ella
Josie	Anne and Robin	Next Weekend	Michelle	Nalini and John

The Easter Season

The Easter Season began on Easter Sunday, and ends after Evening Prayer on Pentecost Sunday.

Ascension Thursday – Holyday of Obligation. This Thursday is the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. This is a Holyday of Obligation when we are obliged to attend Mass. There will be Mass here at Our Lady's at 9.00 am and at Sacred Heart at 7.00 pm.

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

*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, John Hudgell and all those we know who are sick.

Please pray for those who have died recently: Anne Delaney, Jose Do Livramento De Abreu, Thomas White, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Canon Wilfrid Smith, Frs. Cathal Cassidy, Denis Hickling, Joseph Griffin, Ernest Cook and William Lyons, Sr. Georgina McPake FMA, and also Monica Pope, Margaret Boyle, Jerzy Dybalski, Michael Joseph (Joe) McLoughlin, Dorothy Aveyard, Konrad Mihailov, and Peter Cox. 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 in Thanksgiving for OLC.
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Sr. Maria.
St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for Anne Delaney RIP.**

Missio Red Boxes. If you have a Red Box, could you please bring it in to be emptied today. 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.



Next weekend will be World Communications Day. The theme comes from Ephesians 4:15, Speaking with the heart - 'The truth in love'. There will be a second collection for the work of communicating the Gospel.

Cream Tea. On Saturday, 27th 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. Tickets are on sale in the porch after Mass this weekend.

Good Shepherd Mass. Traditionally, each Lent school children all over the Archdiocese raise money for Fr Hudson's Care. Each year, at the end of the appeal, there is a celebration of Mass at several churches across the Archdiocese. We have been given the honour of hosting the Mass in this area. It will be on Friday of this week, starting at 10.30 am. Children from many schools will be here, and Our Lady's School will have a leading role. Please join us if you can.

Sacrament of Confirmation. Canon Paul Fitzpatrick will be here to administer this Sacrament at the 6.00 pm Mass on Tuesday, 30th May. Please pray for the candidates who are preparing to be confirmed.

May Devotions. Today 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. Here in Our Lady's we shall pray the Rosary during the Holy Hour on Friday evenings during May. Please come and join us.

A Message from CAFOD. Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved, please go to cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns

Healing Group. We welcome back the members of the Healing Group to the 11.00 am Mass for their re-union this weekend.

Being a Welcoming Church. There will be a third online meeting, on Monday 22nd May, from 7.30 to 8.30 pm. The session is on 'Disability'; there is no charge, just email fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk to register and a link will be sent to you.

Tailpiece: A boy wrote home from his school: *“Dear Mummy and Daddy. Last week we had Confirmations in the church. From where I was sitting I could see the Bishop clearly. Now I know what a crook really looks like.”*

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