



Our Lady Help of Christians

Seventh Sunday of Easter

21st May, 2023

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Happy Easter, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Sunday, 21 st May Seventh Sunday of Easter World Communications Day	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 (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Konrad Mihailov (Anniversary) Tom Hiceta (Anniversary) Jordan, Louisa & Francesca Summers The People of the Parish
Monday, 22 nd May Opt. Mem. of St. Rita of Cascia, Religious	7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Reception of Thomas White	Camilo de Souza
Tuesday, 23 rd May Easter Feria	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass 12.00 noon Requiem Mass	Antonio Pereira Thomas White
Wednesday, 24 th May Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Arthur Borthwick
Thursday, 25 th May Mem. of St. Bede the Venerable	No Public Mass Today	Peter Villar
Friday, 26 th May Mem. of St. Philip Neri, Priest	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Pat McGovern (get well)
Saturday, 27 th May Feast of St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Melvyn Harris Martinho Lopes Soares & Domingas do Rosario Cabrol
Sunday, 28 th May Solemnity of Pentecost Day of Prayer for the Church	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 11.00 am Mass 3.00 pm Baptisms (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Mary & Patrick McGroarty Anne (Birthday) Evelyn and Elvis Cross Fernando Neves Liu and Luzia Pereira Lobato

Confessions: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm

(Confessions at Sacred Heart: 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
Josie	Anne and Robin	This Weekend	Michelle	Nalini and John
Jackie	Asha and Sandra	Next Weekend	Bernadette D	John and Nalini

The Easter Season

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

This Wednesday, 24th May, is the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians, our Patronal Feast Day. There will be Mass at 9.15 am in the morning, which will be attended by the children from Our Lady's School. There will be special refreshments in the Don Bosco Centre after Mass.

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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, Mary O'Hara, Gejjo Masih, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgrs. John Humphreys and Wilfrid Moore, Canon John Francis Hughes, Frs. Thomas Foynes, Thomas Bagnall, Michael McKenna, Patrick Taylor, John Kearns and James Francis Ward, and also Peter Cox, Konrad Mihailov, Jane Hannah Boyce, Benjamin Curtis and Sarah Curtis. 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 Peter Mazonowicz.
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for John Pill (Get Well).
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Pat Mazonowicz (Intentions).

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

Sacrament of Confirmation. Canon Paul Fitzpatrick will be here to administer this Sacrament at the 6.00 pm Mass on Tuesday, 30th May. There are 17 candidates for Confirmation this year. Please pray for them and their families. There will be a "bring-and-share" party in the Don Bosco Centre after Mass for them.

Our Lady's Flooring Appeal.

Target: £15,000

As announced last week, we have launched an appeal to raise £15,000 to renovate the floor in the church. There is a long way to go!!!

If you are willing to help raise funds for the church in any way (e.g. organise a coffee morning) please don't hold back.

Cream Tea and Raffle. Next Saturday, 27th May, 3.00-4.30 pm, we are planning to have a Cream Tea with a raffle in the church hall. Tickets are on sale in the porch after Mass this weekend.

Present level: £20.00

Missio Red Boxes. Thank you to everyone who brought in their Red Boxes. They have now been emptied and are ready to be collected from the back of the church. Thank you for your support for the missionary work of the Church.

Pentecost Sunday. Next weekend we shall celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, the "birthday of the Church" – when the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles and made one community out of the different peoples of the earth. In our community here at Our Lady's we have people from many nationalities. If you would like to read one of the Readings or a Bidding Prayer in your own language please come and have a chat with me.

My Day By Day Booklet. The June edition is available in the porch, price £1.00. It contains the Mass Readings for each day of the month.

Being a Welcoming Church. There will be a third online meeting, this 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: from a parish newsletter:
"DON'T LET WORRY KILL YOU.
LET THE CHURCH HELP!"

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