



Our Lady Help of Christians

Solemnity of Pentecost

28th May, 2023

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Happy Birthday, everyone.

Jesus Christ has sent us the Holy Spirit. Alleluia!

Sunday, 28 th May Solemnity of Pentecost Day of Prayer for the Church	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 3.00 pm Baptisms (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Martinho Lopes Soares & Domingas Do Rosario Cabral Mary & Patrick McGroarty Anne (Birthday) Evelyn and Elvis Cross Fernando Neves Liu and Luzia Pereira Lobato
Monday, 29 th May Solemnity of Dedication of the Church	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass	Brigida Do Rosario Cabral & Domingas Do Rosario Cabral
Tuesday, 30 th May	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass 6.00 pm Confirmation Mass	Margaret Griffin RIP (Anniversary) The Confirmandi
Wednesday, 31 st May Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	No Public Mass Today	Deacon Bill Parker (22 nd Anniversary)
Thursday, 1 st June Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Tommy White RIP
Friday, 2 nd June Optional Memorial of Ss. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Thanksgiving to Nossa Senhora de Fatima
Saturday, 3 rd June Memorial of Ss. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Anne Delaney Jackie (Birthday)
Sunday, 4 th June Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	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)	Cecilia Michael Bridie Barry Jacob and Amelie Conaghan-Walker Ceanne Netto

Confessions: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm

(Confessions at Sacred Heart: Thursday, 6.00 pm – 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
Jackie	Asha and Sandra	This Weekend	Bernadette D	John and Nalini
Maureen	Mabel and Rachel	Next Weekend	Naomi	Sandra and Nalini

**Today is Pentecost Sunday. The Easter Season, which began on Easter Sunday, ends this evening.
Thank you to everyone who has helped to make it a special time in the life of our parish.**

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, and all those we know who are sick.

Please pray for those who have died recently: Mary O'Hara, Gejjo Masih, Fr. Anthony Davies, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Wilfrid Doran, Frs. Dermot Corcoran, Joseph Lacy, Cornelius Healy, Charles Stephen Dessain (Cong. Orat.), William O'Brien, John Avery Lane and Benedict Tarbuck, Deacon William Parker, Srs. Bruna Livieri FMA and Rose Cavanagh FMA, and also Lucia Bianchini, Mary O'Mahoney, Margaret Griffin and Delia Conroy. 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 those being Confirmed this week.
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Margaret Griffin RIP (Anniversary).
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Jackie Murdoch (Birthday).**

First Friday. This Friday is the first of the month and we shall say the Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart.

Liturgical Year. Tomorrow we return to Ordinary Time and the cycle of weekday readings resumes at the 8th Week in Year 1. The Sunday readings will be for Year A. If you pray the Divine Office we start on Tuesday with Psalter Week 4.

Remember, if you have not yet made your Easter Duties you have only until next Sunday to do so.

Baptism. This weekend we welcome Evelyn and Elvis Cross into the family of the Church. Please pray for them and their family.

Cake and Bric-a-brac Sale. The Salesian Cooperators will sell cakes, etc. in the Don Bosco Centre after Masses next weekend for the Church Floor Renovation Fund.

Oxford Pro-Life Rosary Witness: Next Saturday, 3rd June all pro-lifers are invited to publicly recite the Rosary for the end of Abortion and in defence of life at noon in the centre of Oxford. Meet outside the Clarendon building at 48 Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3AZ.

Sacrament of Confirmation. Canon Paul Fitzpatrick will be here to administer this Sacrament at the 6.00 pm Mass this Tuesday, 30th May. There are 18 candidates this year. Please pray for them and their families. Everyone is welcome to this great event in the life of our community, but please note that the benches in the front will be reserved for the candidates and their families.

Our Lady's Flooring Appeal.

Target: £15,000

We have launched an appeal to raise £15,000 to renovate the floor in the church. Thank you to those very generous parishioners who organised and supported our Cream Tea this weekend and also those who have already made donations for this cause. As you can see, our "thermometer" has already got a good solid base. But there is a long way to go!!! The next fundraising event will be announced next week - it's a humdinger!

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.

Present level: £1,080.00

Corpus Christi Procession – Sunday, 11th June, starting at 2.30 pm at the Oxford Oratory, processing through the city to the University Catholic Chaplaincy, stopping at Blackfriars for a sermon on the way. Ends with Benediction at the Chaplaincy, followed by refreshments.

Tailpiece: An overheard conversation: a country sacristan to a visitor who was admiring the carved wooden bosses on the altar rails: "Don't touch them knobs. They are 'oly knobs. Last time Bishop came 'e 'adn't got 'is glasses an' 'e confirmed two o' they!"

May God bless you and all those whom you love.

Fr. Harry