



Our Lady Help of Christians

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

11th June, 2023

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Sunday, 11 th June Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass <i>(First Holy Communions)</i> 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)</i> 11.00 am Mass <i>(First Holy Communions)</i> 2.00 pm Baptisms 4.30 pm Syro-Malabar Community Mass <i>(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Filomena Jesus Goncalves</i> <i>Rosa Maria da Silva</i> <i>First Holy Communicants</i> <i>Cairo, Zacari May & Santiago Horahaniu</i> <i>Tommy Gildea</i>
Monday, 12 th June	7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 11.00 am Requiem Mass	<i>Tommy Gildea</i> <i>Gejjo Masih</i>
Tuesday, 13 th June <i>Mem. of St. Anthony of Padua Priest, Doctor of the Church</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass 10.00 am Prayer and Praise Group	<i>Zoe McLaughlin (Get Well)</i>
Wednesday, 14 th June	No Public Mass Today	<i>The People of the Parish</i>
Thursday, 15 th June	<i>(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Magdalena Hiceta (Anniversary)</i>
Friday, 16 th June Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 11.00 am Requiem Mass 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	<i>Mary O'Hara</i> <i>Paul Watts (Birthday)</i>
Saturday, 17 th June <i>Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	<i>Pat Murphy Junior (6th Anniversary)</i>
Sunday, 18 th June Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day for Life</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)</i> 11.00 am Mass <i>(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Minnie Rouse and Gladys Johnson</i> <i>Nancy Lyons (Anniversary)</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>

Confessions: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm

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

Saturday 5.30 pm Eucharistic Ministers	Sunday 11.00 am Eucharistic Ministers		Saturday 5.30 pm Readers	Sunday 11.00 am Readers
Vitalija	Anne-Marie and Anne	This Weekend	Fallon	Michelle and Udeme
Nora	Robin and Asha	Next Weekend	Ann	Udeme and Sandra

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.

Today we are celebrating the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, The Body of Christ.

**In Holy Communion Jesus feeds us with His Body and Blood and so shares
with us His own life.**

First Holy Communion. This weekend I welcome especially the children from our parish who will be receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time. This is the conclusion of many weeks and months of preparation for them, but it is only the beginning of the next stage of their life with Jesus. Please pray for them.



A big "Thank You" to the teachers who have been giving their time and energy so generously to prepare the children for this day. Some of the pews at the front of the church have been reserved for the First Holy Communicants and their families at both the Saturday and Sunday Masses.

*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.*

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: Frank Benson, Pauline Ryan, Mary O'Hara, Gejjo Masih, Patrick Joseph Hannon, Fr. Anthony Davies, Canon John Gunn, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frs. Gerard McArdle, Cyril Adams, Joseph Lanny, Joseph Davenport and John Basil Harrington, Sr. Brigid Cahill FMA, and also Charles (Chas) McHugh, Orlando Abrunho, Patrick Donaghy and Robert John (Bob) Jackson. 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>

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Tommy Gildea.
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for First Holy Communicants.
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Sr. Agnes' Intentions.
St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for Sr. Norma's Intentions.
St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Jackie and Alan (Golden Wedding Anniversary).

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

Being a Welcoming Church. The final online meeting takes place on Monday 19th June, from 7.30 to 8.30 pm. The session is on Homelessness. There is no charge, just email fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk to register and a link will be sent to you.

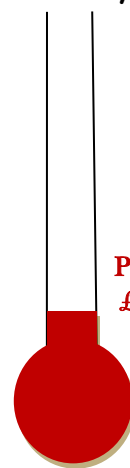
CAFOD: update on the conflict in Sudan. Violent conflict continues in Sudan and thousands of people are running out of food, water and medicine. Working as part of the Caritas network, your previous donations to CAFOD are enabling our teams to help families who have escaped to neighbouring countries, including South Sudan. Please pray for peace in Sudan. For more go to <https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/sudan-conflict>

Pro-Life Film Night. 7 for 7.15pm-10pm, Saturday 1st July, Magdalen Road Church, The Old Schoolhouse, Hertford Street, Cowley, OX4 3AJ. Bring yourself and a Christian friend to this screening of the acclaimed pro-life film "Unplanned", based on a true story. Free parking. For more info and to RSVP visit <https://tinyurl.com/unplanned-film>, or contact Hannah at christianfilmnight@gmail.com

Corpus Christi Procession – Today, 11th June, starting at 2.30 pm from the Oxford Oratory to the University Catholic Chaplaincy, stopping at Blackfriars for a sermon. Ends with Benediction at the Chaplaincy.

Baptism. We welcome Cairo, Zacari May and Santiago Horahaniu into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for them and their families.

Our Lady's Flooring Appeal.



Target:
£15,000

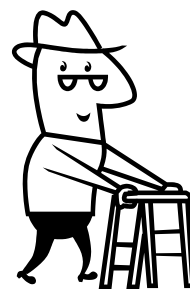
We have launched an appeal to raise £15,000 to renovate the floor in the church.

Thank you to the Salesian Coordinators who organised the Cake Sale last weekend. It raised £170. Added to the donations that have come in our "thermometer" has already got a good solid base. But there is a long way to go!!!

Present level:
£1,971.98

Next Saturday I propose to do a Sponsored Walk around the boundaries of the parish, starting at 10.00 am from the end of Fern Hill Road.

It is about 10 miles. If anyone would like to join me you would be very welcome, but what I am really hoping is that people will sponsor me. There are sponsorship lists on the table at the back of the church. Please help to make it worth my while!



Tailpiece: A four-year-old was very interested when people went for Holy Communion and started to get up. His mother leaned over and told him that he was not yet old enough to receive Communion. Later, when the collection plate came by, he ignored it, stating, "If I can't eat, I'm not paying."

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