



Our Lady Help of Christians

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th June, 2023

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Sunday, 18 th June Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Day for Life	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)	Pat Murphy Junior (6 th Anniversary) Minnie Rouse and Gladys Johnson Nancy Lyons (Anniversary) Edmundo Antonio and Olivia Marchal
Monday, 19 th June Op. Mem. of St. Romuald, Abbot	7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	The People of the Parish
Tuesday, 20 th June Op. Mem. of St. Alban, Martyr	No Public Mass Today	John Pill
Wednesday, 21 st June Mem. of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	(5.00 pm Reception of Pauline Ryan at Sacred Heart) 7.00 pm Mass	Francesca (Intentions)
Thursday, 22 nd June Feast of St. John Fisher, Bishop, & St. Thomas More, Martyrs	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.45 am Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart) (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Pauline Ryan Nicholas Dore
Friday, 23 rd June Op. Mem. of St. Etheldreda (Audrey), Abbess	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Sr. Norma's Intentions
Saturday, 24 th June Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Frank Benson The People of the Parish
Sunday, 25 th June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	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)	Tommy White Anne Delaney Adriano and Ermelinda

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
Nora	Robin and Asha	This Weekend	Ann C	Udeme and Sandra
Zoja	Sandra and Mabel	Next Weekend	Bernie D	Nalini and Michelle

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.

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.

Happy Fathers' Day to all Dads.

Please pray for the sick, especially those we know: Aveen Kavanagh, Jean Carpenter, Phil Bawden, Thomas Gaughan, Doreen Cox, Pat Mazonowicz, John Pill.

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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: Mgr. Peter William Stonier, Frs. Laurence Jones, Hubert Mooney, Michael Doona, George Smith, Eric Morgan and Geoffrey Tucker, and also Robert John (Bob) Jackson, Nancy Lyons, Peggy Doherty, Patrick White, Peter Rhodes, Pearl Flanagan and Bridget (Delia) White. 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 our Parish Catechists.
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Peace in the world, especially Ukraine.
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Our Lady Help of Christians Parish.
St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for Fathers on Fathers' Day.
St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Paul Mwasu.

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 christianfilmmight@gmail.com

Our Lady's Flooring Appeal.

Target:
£15,000

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

Our "thermometer" has made an excellent start, but there is a long way to go and we can't relax.

Present level:
£1,971.98

If you have an idea for fundraising - perhaps by holding a coffee morning, for example - then please go for it!

Sponsored Walk. I DID IT!!!!

I was in a muck sweat for most of it - I've probably sweated off enough to make a curate - and my knees may never be the same again, but I got round the parish and ...



I DECLARE THE BOUNDS TO BE WELL AND TRULY BEATEN.

Thank you to everyone who supported me with encouragement and prayers. Over £1,000 has been pledged, which is wonderful. Thank you very much. All that remains is to collect those pledges that haven't already been paid, please.

Today is Day for Life. 'Day for Life' is the day set aside to celebrate life from conception to natural death. The theme this year is 'Listen to Her' and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also for men and others. Often the voices of women who have had an abortion are silent in Church and in society. This year's message is written by a woman and hopes to break this silence and offer opportunities for hope, healing, and reconciliation. You can find Jane's Story on [Day for Life - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk)

There will be a second collection at Masses this weekend to support organisations which work to promote the protection of life as well as practical projects such as Rachel's Vineyard, and homes run by Life for pregnant mothers.

Garden Party At Newman's College in Littlemore:

Next Saturday, 24th June, from 3.00 – 5.00 pm, there will be the traditional Garden Party at Newman's College. The Sisters welcome all to enjoy homemade cakes, various stalls, games, and much more. There will be live music by a string quartet. A guided tour of St. John Henry Newman's library and room will be offered at 4.00 pm. The funds raised at this event are for the upkeep of the College. Any donation of baked goods, crafts, or other things for sale are most welcome.

A big thank you to everyone who helped in any way for the First Holy Communions last weekend.

Please pray for Paul Mwasu who, after much prayer and preparation, will be welcomed into the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation during the 6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart this weekend.

Tailpiece: A child came into class one day, leaving the door wide open. "Who was born in a barn, then?" asked the teacher. "Jesus, Miss" came the innocent reply.

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