



# *Our Lady Help of Christians*

## *Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### *25<sup>th</sup> June, 2023*

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Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass</b>  <b>7.45 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</b> <i>(9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)</i> <b>11.00 am Mass</b> <b>3.00 pm Baptism</b> <i>(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Denis Okechukwu Maduka. Florenca Guterres</i>  <i>Maggie Shaftoe</i> <i>Anne Delaney</i> <i>Layla-Rose Sousa Thompson-Hughes</i> <i>Adriano and Ermelinda</i>
Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>7.00 am Mass</b> <b>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</b>	<i>Fr. Graham (Ordination Anniversary)</i>
Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> June <i>Op. Mem. of St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop</i>	<b>No Public Mass Today</b>	<i>The People of the Parish</i>
Wednesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> June <i>Memorial of St. Irenaeus</i>	<b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	<i>Michael Gildea</i>
Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Solemnity of St. Peter &amp; St. Paul, Apostles</b> <b>Holyday of Obligation</b>	<b>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.15 am Mass</b> <i>(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Luis Lobato</i> <i>Patrick Joseph Hannan</i>
Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> June <i>Op. Mem. of the First Martyrs of Rome</i>	<b>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</b> <b>6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction</b> <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	<i>Paddy and Nora Griffin</i>
Saturday, 1 <sup>st</sup> July <i>Op. Mem. of St. Oliver Plunkett, Bishop, Martyr</i>	<b>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</b> <i>(10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)</i> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>	<i>Arthan Chiruka</i> <i>Luzia Perreira Lobato and family</i>
Sunday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> July <b>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>7.45 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</b> <i>(9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)</i> <b>11.00 am Mass</b> <b>1.00 pm Baptism</b> <i>(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Cecilia Michael</i> <i>Private Intention</i> <i>Mikolas Jozef Blewaska</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, 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
Zoja	Sandra and Mabel	<b>This Weekend</b>	Bernie D	Nalini and Michelle
Agnes	Rachel and Anne-Marie	<b>Next Weekend</b>		

**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.*

**Welcome to Layla-Rose Sousa Thompson-Hughes** who will become part of the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. Please pray for her and her family.

Please pray for those who have died recently: Fr. Bernard Garratt, Josie Dekkers, Frank Benson, Pauline Ryan, Marion Nyambura, Patrick Joseph Hannon, Luis Lobato, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frs. John Bradley, George Grynowski and John Joseph McMorro, Deacon Ralph Watkins, and also Ron Jones and Maddalena (Lena) Puma. 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 Fr. Bernard Garratt RIP.

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Josie Dekkers RIP.

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Sr. Maria's Intention (Get Well).

St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for a Special Intention.

**Congratulations.** You may remember Bishop Stephen Wright who came to Our Lady's to confirm the children last year as one of the assistant bishops in the Diocese (he had an awful journey, stuck in the traffic on Hollow Way). He has just been appointed as the 15<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle. Our loss is their gain. Please pray for him.

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

**First Holy Communions.** At the 11.00 am Mass next Sunday four more children will receive Our Lord for the first time in Holy Communion. Please pray for them.

**Pro-Life Film Night.** 7.00 for 7.15pm-10.00pm, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:christianfilmnight@gmail.com)

**This Thursday (29<sup>th</sup> June)** is the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, which is a Holyday of Obligation, when we are required to attend Mass if we can. There will be Mass at Our Lady's at 9.15 am and at Sacred Heart at 7.00 pm.

**Peter's Pence.** There will be a Second Collection at Masses next weekend for Peter's Pence, our national gift as Catholics to the Pope to assist his apostolic work.

**Oxford Pro-Life Rosary Witness:** On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July we invite all pro-lifers to join us in the centre of Oxford to publicly recite and witness to the power of the Rosary for the end of Abortion, and in defence of life. Meet at 12.00 noon, outside the Clarendon building at 48 Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3AZ. For more info contact Catherine Rymell at [catherinerymell2@gmail.com](mailto:catherinerymell2@gmail.com)

**Salesian Cooperators' Meeting** in the Mornese Centre at Elmthorpe Convent this Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 7.00 pm. All are welcome. Contact Chris Baker 01865 770102 for more information.

**Sacred Heart Parish Summer Fete.** Next Saturday, 2.00 – 4.00 pm at Sacred Heart, Balfour Road, Blackbird Leys. Lucky dip, bottle stall, tombola, plant stall, catch a duck, cake stall, etc. Tea and coffee. All welcome.

### 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.

If you have an idea for fundraising - perhaps by holding a

**Present level:** coffee morning, for example - £1,971.98 then please go for it!

Thank you to everyone who supported me with encouragement and prayers on the walk last week. I haven't had time to count the money donated yet, but over £1,000 has been pledged, which is wonderful. Thank you very much. If you still wish to make a donation it will be received with deep gratitude.

**BINGO!!** Our next fundraising event will be a Bingo evening on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> July (after Mass) in the Don Bosco Centre, with snacks and beverages from 6.30 pm and eyes down at 7.00 pm. Besides bingo there will be a raffle and a flyer (money prize). Cost £5 for bingo, £2 for the flyer. **All welcome.** Prize donations are also welcomed. These can be left at the Repository Shop (at the back of the Church) or at the tea counter in the Don Bosco Centre.

**Cake Sale.** Next weekend there will be a cake sale in the Don Bosco Centre, courtesy of the Salesian Cooperators, to raise funds for the Salesian Sisters Missions.

**My Day By Day Book** for July is now available at the back of church (price £1).

**Tailpiece:** Some extracts from parish newsletters:

- Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Barbara remains in hospital. She is having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Father's sermons.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want remembered.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hostility. The Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet on Thursday. Please use the back door.

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

**Fr. Harry**