



# *Our Lady Help of Christians*

## *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### *2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2023*

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Sunday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> July <b>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass</b> 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>11.00 am Mass</b> 1.00 pm Baptism (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Luzia Perreira Lobato and family  Cecilia Michael Tommy White Mikolas Jozef Blewaska The People of the Parish
Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July <i>Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle</i>	<b>7.00 am Mass</b> 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Lawrence Borthwick (Get Well)
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> July <i>Op. Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Portugal</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>9.15 am Mass</b>	The Salesian Sisters
Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July <i>Mem. of Bl. George Nichols &amp; Companions, Martyrs</i>	<b>No Public Mass Today</b>	Helen Towey
Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> July <i>Op. Mem. of St. Maria Goretti</i>	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Ursula Lestrade (Intentions)
Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> July	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>11.00 am Requiem Mass</b> 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	Angelique Moona  Eithene Neal
Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> July	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>	Thomas Griffin RIP (Anniversary) Isabel Da Costa Ferreira
Sunday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July <b>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Sea Sunday</i>	<b>7.45 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>11.00 am Mass</b> 2.00 pm Baptisms 4.30 pm Syro-Malabar Community Mass (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Dennis McVeigh (Anniversary) Martin Malliagh Oluwafemi & Ifeoluwa  The People of the Parish

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	This Weekend	Saturday 5.30 pm Readers	Sunday 11.00 am Readers
Agnes	Rachel and Anne-Marie	This Weekend	Bernie D	Nalini
Henry	Anne and Robin	Next Weekend	Naomi	Sandra

**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 Feast Day** to the members of the Syro-Malabar community. Tomorrow, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, is the feast of St. Thomas who is recognized as the founder of the Church of the Syro-Malabar Christians, or Christians of St. Thomas.

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**Welcome to** Mikolas Jozef Blewaska who will become part of the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. Please pray for him and his family.

**Please pray for those who have died recently:** Fr. Bernard Garratt, Angelique Moona, Olivia Ludbrook, Josie Dekkers, Thomas Ghee, Marion Nyambura, Isabel Da Costa Ferreira and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgr. Patrick Corrigan, Mgr. Louis McRaye, Canon Francis Dudley, Frs. William O'Malley, Michael Cullinan, Leonard (Leo) Johannes Joppe, Leo Vincent Armishaw and Joseph Pires, and also Thomas Griffin. 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 the First Holy Communicants.**

**The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Robert Taunton RIP.**

**Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Margaret Stamp.**

**St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for Thomas Griffin RIP (Anniversary).**

**St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for the five victims on the Titan.**

**Mission Unleashed: an event with Cardinal Tagle.** The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and is an inspirational speaker. Join CAFOD online for **Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation – Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 7.00-8.00 pm.** To register and/or be sent the recording afterwards [www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation](http://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation). Please share with others.

**Mass for Vocations.** As the Archbishop wrote in his latest Pastoral Letter, each Deanery has been allocated a month to pray for and promote vocations. July is our month in the Oxford North Deanery. Fr. Ziggy has kindly agreed to host a Deanery Mass for Vocations on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> July, at 7.00 pm in Blessed Dominic Barberi Church, Littlemore. All are welcome, and it would be good if many could attend, please.

**Sea Sunday is Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July.** Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Many seafarers and fishers are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. There will be a second collection at Masses next weekend, or you can donate by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

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

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

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

**Cake Sale.** This 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.

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

**Our Lady's Flooring Appeal.**



**BINGO!!** Our next fundraising event will be a Bingo evening next Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 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.

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

**Accommodation Required.** A man has phoned asking if I can help him to find a room or flat with a Catholic family. If you can help please come and speak to me.

**Tailpiece – a cunning plan:** On a very warm Sunday morning, Fr. announced to his congregation: "My dear people, I have here in my hands three sermons ... a £10 sermon that lasts five minutes, a £5 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes, and a £1 sermon that lasts a full hour. Now, let's have the collection and see which I'll give."

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