



Our Lady Help of Christians

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th July, 2023

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Sunday, 9 th July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Sea Sunday</i>	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)</i> 11.00 am Mass 3.00 pm Baptism 4.30 pm Syro-Malabar Community Mass <i>(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	Isabel Da Costa Ferreira Dennis McVeigh (Anniversary) Martin Malliagh Oluwafemi & Ifeoluwa The People of the Parish
Monday, 10 th July	7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Deanery Mass for Vocations at Blessed Dominic Barberi, Littlemore)	Barney Cornway (Anniversary) Vocations
Tuesday, 11 th July <i>Feast of St. Benedict, Abbot</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Europe</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am (Leavers) Mass in Our Lady's School	<i>In Thanksgiving to Nossa Senhora de Fatima</i>
Wednesday, 12 th July	No Public Mass Today	Florenca Guterres
Thursday, 13 th July <i>Op. Memorial of St. Henry</i>	<i>(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	Kathleen McGarry (Anniversary)
Friday, 14 th July <i>Op. Mem. of St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Teodorico Da Souza (Birthday)
Saturday, 15 th July <i>Memorial of St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)</i> 2.30 pm Mass 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Deceased Members of the Da Silva Family Marion Nyambura Martinho Lopes Soares
Sunday, 16 th July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	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>	Jim Maguire (Anniversary) Deacon Ste (Ordination) The Cuddy Family

Confessions: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm

(Confessions at Sacred Heart: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm; Saturday, 10.30 am – 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
Henry	Anne and Robin	This Weekend	Naomi	Sandra
Bernadette	Asha and Sandra	Next Weekend	Fallon	Nalini

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 Oluwafemi and Ifeoluwa Akin-Inaolaji who will become part of the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. Please pray for them and their 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: Canon Francis J. Grady, Frs. Michael Gaffney, Bernard Thomas Maddox, Brendan Mary Donlon, Anthony Maguire, Seamus Hetherington, John Molyneux, Plunkett Shannon, Edmund Whelan, Anthony John Burns and Brian Halton, Deacon Anthony Bateman, and also Shirley Ann Milne, Gerald Amantrading and Peter Lynch. 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 Vocations to the Priesthood and Diaconate.

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Tommy Ghee RIP.

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Bridie Barry's Intentions.

St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for Angelique Moona RIP.

St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Marion Nyambura RIP.

Deanery Mass for Vocations, Monday, 10th July, at 7.00 pm, in Blessed Dominic Barberi Church, Littlemore. 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. All are welcome to the Deanery Mass at Blessed Dominic on Monday evening, and it would be good if many could attend, please.

Sea Sunday. Today is Sea Sunday, when we are asked to pray for seafarers. There will be a second collection at Masses this weekend for Stella Maris (formally called Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its work in helping seafarers in need with practical, spiritual, and emotional support, so please give as generously as you can. There are envelopes at the back of church for those who can gift aid their donation or you can donate by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5.00. Thank you.

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

Our Lady's Flooring Appeal.

Target: 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: fundraising - perhaps by holding a coffee morning, for example - then please go for it!

BINGO!! Our next fundraising event will be a Bingo evening after the Saturday Mass this weekend, in the Don Bosco Centre, with snacks and beverages from 6.30 pm and eyes down at 7.00 pm. All welcome.

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.

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, 14th July 7.00-8.00 pm.** To register and/or be sent the recording afterwards www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation.

Pact (Prison Advice and Care Trust) is holding a roadshow on Saturday 15th July between 10.00 am and 1.30 pm in the Grimshaw Room at St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. As Catholics, why do we support prisoners and their families? At the roadshow we will reflect on Catholic Social Teaching in the light of imprisonment. We will hear from people with experience of the criminal justice system. Prison chaplains and Pact services staff will speak about their work and the people we serve. The Welcome Directory is a small charity which supports faith communities to become places of welcome and acceptance for those leaving prison. Find out about how your parish might become such a place. You can register: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/pact-to-host-justpeople-roadshow-in-birmingham-saturday-15-july>

Parish Day-out to Bournemouth. I am planning a parish trip to Bournemouth on Tuesday, 25th July. Adults £20, children £10, with free travel for those who received First Holy Communion or were Confirmed this year. Children must be accompanied by an adult. If you are interested please sign the sheet at the back of church.

Tailpiece: An elderly priest was looking in a cupboard in the sacristy before Mass one Sunday and he found a small box containing 3 eggs and 20 £5 notes. He asked the sacristan about the box and its contents. Embarrassed, she explained to him that every time he delivered a poor sermon, she placed an egg into the box. The priest felt that 3 poor sermons in 30 years was nothing to feel too bad about, so he asked about the £100.00. She replied, "Whenever I got a dozen eggs, I sold them for £1!"

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