



# Our Lady Help of Christians

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2023

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Sunday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> July <b>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Day of Prayer for Europe World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly	<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> (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Danny Lyons (Anniv.)  Horacio & Eugenia Lobato The People of the Parish Special Intention
Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> July Optional Memorial of St. Sharbel Makhlof	<b>7.00 am Mass</b> 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (8.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)	Baby Antonio de Jesus Assis da Silva
Tuesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> July Feast of St. James, Apostle	<b>No Public Mass Today</b>	Fr George Grynowski
Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> July Memorial of St. Joachim & St. Anne	<b>No Public Mass Today</b>	Benefactors of the Johnson Association
Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> July Op. Mem. of Blessed Robert Sutton, Martyr	(11.30 am Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart) (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Olivia Ludbrook The Doyle Family
Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> July	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	Sr. Norma
Saturday, 29 <sup>th</sup> July Memorial of Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>	Albert Philips Pedro Fernandez
Sunday, 30 <sup>th</sup> July <b>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>7.45 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</b> (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)  <b>11.00 am Mass</b> (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Antonion & Rosa Maria da Silva Lucy Lynch The People of the Parish

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
Josie	Mabel and Rachel	Ann	John
Jackie	Anne-Marie and Anne	Michelle	Udeme and Sandra

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today,  
especially if you are visiting for the first time.

Today is the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly as this is the closest Sunday to the memorial of Jesus' grandparents, Ss Joachim and Ann (July 26<sup>th</sup>). It would be a good day to visit grandparents and older people who are alone. What wise words do you remember that your grandparents or elderly have passed onto you? I invite children, young adults, families to share these words of wisdom. Send them to me and I can put them together for everyone to appreciate.

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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 those who have died recently: Fr. Bernard Garratt, Olivia Ludbrook, Josie Dekkers, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Frs. Anthony Owen, Euan Henderson, Joseph Tynan, Denis O'Shea, Basil Wrighton, Thomas Michael Duffy, and Deacons Ernie Titchmarsh and Frank Lockett, and also Noreen Griffin, Valerie Griffiths, Joseph Costa, Maria Mirto and Abie Doherty. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. 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 a Special Intention.

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

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 jumped again this week, but there is a long way to go and we can't relax.

Present level:  
£4,130.98

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



School Holidays: As the schools close for the summer we wish children and staff an enjoyable and safe holiday.

Pro-Life Pilgrimage To Walsingham. Saturday 5th August is the annual pilgrimage of reparation and prayer for the Sanctity of Life. Walsingham is a powerful and peaceful place to pray for the end of the hurt and pain of abortion. It is a wonderful experience to go with others and make friends in the process. For more details and to book a place on the Oxford trip (£30 - sponsorship available), visit <https://tinyurl.com/oxpp2023>.

Parish Finance Committee. The next meeting of the finance committee will be in the Don Bosco Centre at 8.00 pm on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> July.

Parish Day-out to Bournemouth. Next Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> July, leaving Our Lady's at 9.30 am and leaving Bournemouth at 6.00 pm. 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. Please sign up at the back of church.

"Oxford Pro-Life Rosary Witness: On Saturday 5th August 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.

We will be meeting at 12.00 noon, outside the Clarendon building at 48 Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3AZ. There will be an opportunity to find out how to be more active in the pro-life movement. For more information contact Catherine Rymell at [catherinerymell2@gmail.com](mailto:catherinerymell2@gmail.com)"



Wheat and Dandelion. One is life-giving, the other is poisonous. But which is which?

University Students. If you are arriving in Oxford, either for a summer placement or in time to begin studies in the autumn, I should like to welcome you. It is important to feel at home, especially if you have come from abroad. Please come and introduce yourself to me, and I can tell you about the community at Our Lady's.

Next weekend Fr. Remigius Ndubuisi will be here to do a Mission Appeal on behalf of the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers). Your support will help their missionary work.

Tailpiece:

- Q: Where was Solomon's temple located?  
A: On the side of his head.  
Q: Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?  
A: Because Noah was standing on the deck.  
Q: What did Adam say on 24<sup>th</sup> December?  
A: It's Christmas, Eve!

(Sorry!)

May God bless you and all those whom you love.

Fr. Harry

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