



# Our Lady Help of Christians

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

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Sunday, 30 <sup>th</sup> July <b>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass</b> <b>6.45 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)	Pedro Fernandes Antonio & Rosa Maria da Silva Lucy Lynch The People of the Parish
Monday, 31 <sup>st</sup> July <i>Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola</i>	<b>7.00 am Mass</b> 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Michael Gannon
Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> August <i>Mem. of St. Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>9.15 am Mass</b>	John Pill (Healing)
Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> August <i>Op. Mem. of St. Eusebius of Vercelli, or St. Peter Julian Eymard</i>	<b>No Public Mass Today</b>	In Thanksgiving (Fr. Harry)
Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Brian Nolan (Anniversary)
Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Memorial of St. John Mary Vianney, Priest</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	John White (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
Saturday, 5 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Op. Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>12.00 noon Nuptial Mass</b>  <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>	Britiana Hollero Daiva da Silva & Gregorio Amaral The People of the Parish
Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> August <b>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord</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)	Angel and Josefa Antonio Aileen Young Mick McCarthy

Confessions: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm

(Confessions at Sacred Heart: Thursday, 6.00 pm – 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
Jackie	Anne-Marie and Anne	<b>This Weekend</b>	Michelle	Udeme and Sandra
Maureen	Robin and Asha	<b>Next Weekend</b>	Bernadette	Ella and Ellie

**Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.**

Next Sunday will be the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

*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: Sheila Kelly, Fr. Bernard Garratt, Olivia Ludbrook, Josie Dekkers, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Canon Arthur Diamond, Frs. Richard Philip Lynch CO, David Ford and Cuthbert Brown, Deacon John Leach, and also Douglas Rothery, Nora Griffin, John (Sean) O'Meara, Joseph Costa, George Hiran and Padma Don. 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 Margaret McHugh.

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Daiva and Gregorio.

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week in Thanksgiving (Fr. Harry).

St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for the work of the Holy Ghost Fathers.

St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for World Youth Day.

**Welcome.** This weekend we welcome Fr. Remigius Ndubuisi from the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans). He is here to do a Mission Appeal and he will be speaking at each of the Masses here and at Sacred Heart. There will be a second collection to support the work of the Spiritans.

**Marriage.** Please pray for Daiva da Silva and Gregorio Amaral who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony here next Saturday.

**Please pray for the sick, especially those we know:** Thomas Gaughan, 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.

This has been a "slow" week, but our "thermometer" is still climbing - thank you. There is a long way to go and we can't relax.

**Present level:**  
£4,235.98

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

**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.

**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>.

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

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

**The adventure of a lifetime for some of the young people of our Diocese is about to begin as they take part in World Youth Day in Lisbon, 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> August.** A group of 82 pilgrims led by His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley, will be representing the Archdiocese of Birmingham in Lisbon. You can follow the pilgrimage: the live broadcast of World Youth Day 2023 is brought to you by the Catholic channel Shalom World TV, the Media Partner for World Youth Day.

**Homes For Ukraine.** Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) is working in partnership with Saint John of God Hospitaller Services to coordinate a Homes for Ukraine programme. Can you help? Email: [homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk](mailto:homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk) Website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>

**Harvington Pilgrimage 2023,** Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September. His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley, will be the principal celebrant of the Pilgrimage Mass. All are welcome. Mass: 3.00 pm, Confessions: 1.45 - 2.30 pm. FREE PARKING. Bring your own picnic, (teas and coffees available to purchase).

**Oxford Pro-Life Rosary Witness:** On Saturday 5th August all pro-lifers are invited to come to 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 information contact: [catherinermell2@gmail.com](mailto:catherinermell2@gmail.com)

**Pope's Prayer Intention for August: For World Youth Day in Lisbon.** We pray that it may help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

**Tailpiece:** At a convent in Rome the Sisters were justly proud of their willingness to nurse anyone of any race or creed who was in need. They translated their aims into several foreign languages and posted them at the gates. Unfortunately, their English was not as good as their medical care and the translation came out as: "The nuns harbour all diseases and have no regard for religion."

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

**Fr. Harry**