



Our Lady Help of Christians

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

6th August, 2023

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| Sunday, 6 th August Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord | 5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 11.00 am Mass (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart) | <i>The People of the Parish</i> <i>Angel and Josefa Antonio</i> <i>Aileen Young</i> <i>Mick McCarthy</i> |
| Monday, 7 th August <i>Optional Memorials of St. Sixtus II, Pope, & Companions, Martyrs, or of St. Cajetan, Priest</i> | 7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer | <i>Mr. M. E. Connelly (JA)</i> |
| Tuesday, 8 th August <i>Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest</i> | No Public Mass Today | <i>Fr. Ian Ker (JA)</i> |
| Wednesday, 9 th August <i>Feast of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Martyr, Patron of Europe</i> | No Public Mass Today | <i>Cornelius Gunning (Anniv.)</i> |
| Thursday, 10 th August <i>Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr</i> | No Public Mass Today | <i>Lidia Louders</i> |
| Friday, 11 th August <i>Memorial of St. Clare, Virgin</i> | No Public Mass Today | <i>The Moran Family (JA)</i> |
| Saturday, 12 th August <i>Op. Mem. of St. Jane Frances de Chantal</i> | 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday | <i>Neil Murphy (1st Anniversary)</i> |
| Sunday, 13 th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 11.00 am Mass 4.30 pm Syro-Malabar Community Mass (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart) | <i>Michael Cullen (Birthday)</i> <i>Antonio Maria da Silva & Rosa C. Soriano</i> <i>Maria Elvira Gonsalves (Birthday)</i> |

| Saturday 5.30 pm Eucharistic Ministers | Sunday 11.00 am Eucharistic Ministers | Saturday 5.30 pm Readers | Sunday 11.00 am Readers |
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| Maureen | Robin and Asha | Bernadette | Ella and Ellie |
| Vitalija | Sandra and Mabel | Naomi | Nalini |

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.

Today is 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, Maureen Ann McEneaney, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Frs. James Gough, Francis Gwinnett, Basil Lynch CO, Michael Day CO, and Denis Manion, and also John Hennigan and Bridget (Bridie) Keane. 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 Yvonne Brennan (90th Birthday).

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Carmel McMahon.

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Abhimanyu Joshi.

St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for Claire French (Birthday).

St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Sr. Norma.

Marriage. Congratulations to Daiva and Gregorio Amaral who were married here this weekend. May God bless them in their life together.

Please pray for the sick, especially those we know:

Thomas Gaughan, Ellen Gaughan, Aveen Kavanagh, Phil Bawden, John Pill, Doreen Cox, Jean Carpenter, Pat Mazonowicz.

Our Lady's Flooring Appeal.

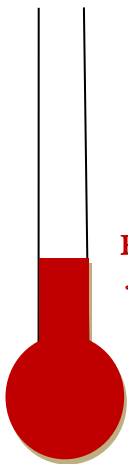
Target:
£15,000

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!



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

World Youth Day, Lisbon 2023. Although it is called a "Day" this adventure of a lifetime for some of the young people of our Diocese and young people from all around the world really lasts for several days. There have been many events going on but the main ones have been an opening Mass last Tuesday, celebrated by the Cardinal Patriarch of Lisbon. Last Thursday there was the welcoming ceremony, the first meeting of the young people with the Pope, and on Friday evening there was a celebration of Stations of the Cross. This weekend, on Saturday night there is a Vigil, starting at 8.45 pm, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayer. The climax of the week is the Missioning Mass at 9.00 on Sunday morning, celebrated by the Pope. You can follow the events on the Catholic channel Shalom World TV, the Media Partner for World Youth Day.

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.

Homes For Ukraine. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) is working to coordinate a Homes for Ukraine programme. Can you help? Email: homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk Website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>

"International Day". We are planning to have a day when we celebrate the different nationalities and cultures in our parish family. It will be a joint celebration with Sacred Heart parish. There will be a planning meeting here on Saturday, 26th August, at 4.00 pm. Everyone is invited to take part.

Summer holidays. I shall be on holiday from Monday, 7th August until Friday, 18th August. The office will be closed during this time. I shall offer Mass for the intentions listed and I thank Fr. Martin Flatman, who has kindly agreed to come to celebrate next weekend's Masses here at Our Lady's. If you need a priest during this time, please contact Canon Mervyn at Corpus Christi, Headington. Telephone: 01865 762433; Email: corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk.

Prayer Wall. Thank you to everyone who has put a prayer on our "prayer wall" in the church. Each one is a moving testimony to our faith in God and the power of prayer. However, some of them have been on the wall for a long time and it is time for a tidy-up. If you have prayers on the wall that you still wish us all to pray for, please move them to the section near to the doors into the Don Bosco Centre. I shall take down the rest in a couple of weeks. Then we can start again!

Harvington Pilgrimage 2023, Sunday, 3rd 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).

Tailpiece: One day at school a teacher was leading an English lesson. The topic was palindromes – words or sentences that are the same read forwards and backwards. She asked the children, "What was the first thing that Adam said to Eve?" She was hoping to get the answer "Madam, I'm Adam," but one student had a much better reply: "Wow."

May God bless you and all those whom you love.

Fr. Harry