



Our Lady Help of Christians

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th August, 2023

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Sunday, 13 th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass <i>(9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)</i> 11.00 am Mass <i>4.30 pm Syro-Malabar Community Mass</i> <i>(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>John Flanagan</i> <i>Michael Cullen (Birthday)</i> <i>Antonio Maria da Silva & Rosa C. Soriano</i> <i>Maria Elvira Goncalves (B'day)</i>
Monday, 14 th August <i>Mem. of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i>	No Public Mass Today	<i>Mr M. E. Connelly (JA)</i>
Tuesday, 15 th August Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holyday of Obligation	10.00 am Mass <i>(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Paul Watts (Anniversary)</i> <i>Michael Byrne</i>
Wednesday, 16 th August <i>Op. Mem. of St. Stephen of Hungary</i>	No Public Mass Today	<i>Fr. Paul Devaney (JA)</i>
Thursday, 17 th August	No Public Mass Today	<i>Fr. Anthony De Vere (JA)</i>
Friday, 18 th August Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	No Public Mass Today	<i>Mr M. E. Connelly (JA)</i>
Saturday, 19 th August <i>Op. Memorial of St. John Eudes, Priest</i> Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	<i>Mapeus Soares</i>
Sunday, 20 th August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	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 <i>(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>John Joe McGroarty</i> <i>Beatrice Upham (Birthday)</i> <i>Naetochukwu Amaraegbulem</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>

Saturday 5.30 pm Eucharistic Ministers	Sunday 11.00 am Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday 5.30 pm Readers	Sunday 11.00 am Readers
Vitalija	Sandra and Mabel	Naomi	Nalini
Nora	Rachel and Anne-Marie	Michelle	Sandra

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.

Welcome and thank you to Fr. Martin Flatman, who has kindly agreed to come to celebrate this weekend's Masses and Tuesday's Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This Tuesday (15th August) is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is a Holyday of Obligation. We shall have Mass here at Our Lady's at 10.00 that morning. All welcome. There will also be Mass at Sacred Heart at 6.00 in the evening.

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, Bridie Jackson, Harry Slamon, Maureen McEneaney and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Canon Bernard Manion, Frs. Thomas Dennison, Michael McGrath, Kevin Keany, Terence Smith and Deacon Douglas Taylor, and also Bridget (Bridie) Keane, Peggy Gleeson, Brenda Mary Browning, Paul Watts, Michael (Stephen) Keane and Joe Barrett. 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 Neil Murphy (Anniversary).

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for The Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians.

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Clare Watts (Intentions).

St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for the Intentions of Pope Francis.

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

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!

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

Prayer Wall. Thank you to everyone who has put a prayer on our "prayer wall" in the church. 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 next week. Then we can start again!

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 Website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>

Holidays. I shall be on holiday until Friday 18th August, and the office will be closed during this time. I shall offer the weekday Mass for the intentions listed. If you need to speak to a priest, please contact Canon Mervyn at Corpus Christi, Telephone: 01865 762433; Email: corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk.

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).

Annual Novena of Prayer for the Cause of Blessed Dominic Barberi. The annual Novena of Prayer in the Archdiocese begins this week, on Friday, 18th August, and it goes on until the Feast of Blessed Dominic, 26th August. Please join the Archbishop and the family of the Diocese as we say the *Novena Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi*

O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will, in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church.

*Mary, Mother of Holy Hope, Pray for us.
St. John Henry Newman, Pray for us.
Blessed Dominic Barberi, Pray for us.*

"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.

Tailpiece: Three boys were boasting about their fathers. The first boy said, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper; he calls it a poem, and they give him £50.00." The second boy said, "That's nothing, My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper; he calls it a song, and they give him £100.00." The third boy says, "I've got you both beat. My Dad's a Vicar; he scribbles a few words on a piece of paper; he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

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