



Our Lady Help of Christians

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th September, 2023

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Sunday, 10 th September Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Education Sunday	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 4.30 pm Syro-Malabar Community Mass (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Neil Murphy (Anniversary) Tony Donovan & Stacey Stretch Lucy Da Silva (Birthday) Petrolina Miranda
Monday, 11 th September	7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Mary & Sean Merrigan (Ints)
Tuesday, 12 th September <i>Op. Mem. of the Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 11.30 am Requiem Mass 7.00 pm Mass	Ursula Lillis John Flanagan
Wednesday, 13 th September <i>Mem. of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop</i>	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish
Thursday, 14 th September <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Donstephen (Thanksgiving)
Friday, 15 th September <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass in Our Lady's School 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	The new School Year Antonietta & Peppi Aprea
Saturday, 16 th September <i>Memorial of St. Cornelius, Pope, and St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Bridie Willoughby Special Intention
Sunday, 17 th September Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (formerly known as Home Mission Sunday)</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 11.00 am Mass (3.00 pm Baptism at Sacred Heart) (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Anne O'Neill Bridie & Martin (Tim) Keane Aria Karina McKoy 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 – 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	Mabel and Rachel	This Weekend	Naomi	Ellie and Ella
Bernadette	Anne-Marie and Anne	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.

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Please pray for those who have died recently: Ursula Teresa Lillis, Frs. Keith Enston and Edwin Cownley, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Frs. David Walter Hutt, Dominic Round, Guy Colman, Richard Dinnis and Patrick Meagher, Deacon Michael McGrail, and also Baby Oliver Michael Knott, Antonio Abreu, Daniel Lyons and Brian Peter Harper. 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 Our Lady's Parish.
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Ryan.

Our Lady's Flooring Appeal.

Target:
£15,000

We have launched an appeal to raise £15,000 to renovate the floor in the church.

Present level:
£5,646.67

Thank you to everyone who has contributed. The work is due to begin in October and we still have some way to go. All donations, large and small, will be welcome.

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

Education Sunday. Today is Education Sunday when we are asked to pray for the work of Catholic education across the schools of the Archdiocese. There will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service.

Foundation Governors. Our Lady's School is urgently seeking active Catholics who would be willing to serve as Foundation Governors. If you can help, please contact Tara Davies (779176, office@ourladyscowley.co.uk).

Day of Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Harvest. On Sunday, 24th September, we shall give thanks to God for the food we receive. If you have fruit and/or veg that we could put before the altar on that day as symbols of His blessings then please bring them along. After Mass you can either re-claim them or they can be passed on to the Foodbank.

"International Day"

On Sunday, 1st October, we shall have something special, shared with Sacred Heart Parish. Just for that day Mass will be at 10.00 am at Our Lady's Primary School (cancel 9.00 at Sacred Heart and 11.00 at Our Lady's), followed by events/shared food/games until about 2.00 pm. The object of the Day is to celebrate the many different cultures and traditions in our parish and also to get to know one another and have some fun together. People are encouraged to wear national costume and to bring national dishes to share. Please sign the sheet at the back of the church if you can offer to bring and share some food.

Next Saturday evening (16th September) it would be good if organisers could have a brief meeting at Our Lady's School after the 5.30 Mass to see how it can all be arranged.

Our Lady's Healing Group. The next healing group is going to be offered online via Zoom: Monday and Thursday each week from the 2nd to 19th October, 7.30 to 9.30 pm. There will be six sessions and you will need to commit to attending all of them. We welcome back Ariel Dempsey to Our Lady's for the 11.00 am Mass today. She will say a few words at the end of Mass. To apply or for info email traumahealinguk07@gmail.com

Next Sunday is *Evangelii Gaudium* Sunday (formerly known as Home Mission Sunday). There will be a second collection to support the work of evangelisation in our own country.

The Diocesan Education Service is recruiting for a Director of Education. Details for this role can be found on the websites of the Diocesan Education Service www.bdes.org.uk/vacancies and the Archdiocese www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk. The closing date is Monday, 18th September.

Please pray for the sick, especially those we know: Claire French, John Pill, Aven Kavanagh, Iris O'Brien, Doreen Cox, Jean Carpenter, Pat Mazonowicz, Thomas Gaughan.

Church Cleaners. We are looking for more volunteers to join our small but faithful group of cleaners who work hard to keep our church clean. If you could help, please contact Vitalija vitalijamatvey@gmail.com

Father Hudson's Care would like to invite you to a face-to-face Welcoming Church event to be held next **Saturday, 16th September, at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Bristol Road, Birmingham, B5 7BE, at 10.00 am.** The individual sessions will talk about how parishes can support older people, refugees, people with disabilities and those who are homeless, creating a plan to make real change. To learn more please call 01675 434000 or email kevinhateley@fatherhudsons.org.uk

Tailpiece: A mother greeted her husband with the news that she had sent their son to his room because she had heard him using a "bad word". "Swearing, was he?" said Daddy. "I'll teach him to swear", and he set off up the stairs. Unfortunately, a roller skate had been left at the top and Daddy came down the stairs again a lot quicker than he had gone up. After almost five minutes of invective, during which Daddy never repeated himself once, Mummy said, "Alright, Daddy. That will do for the first lesson."

May God bless you and all those whom you love.

Fr. Harry