



Our Lady Help of Christians

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th September, 2023

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<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 24th September Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day of Prayer in Thanksgiving for the Harvest</i></p>	<p>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 2.00 pm Baptisms 3.00 pm Baptism (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</p>	<p>Antonio da Silva & Rosa Soriano</p> <p>Cecilia Michael Michelle (Intentions) Eilye & Emileo Flynn-Sefa Valentino Sotgiu Petrolina Miranda</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, 25th September</p>	<p>7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</p>	<p>James McVeigh (Anniversary)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, 26th September <i>Op. Mem. of Ss. Cosmas & Damian</i></p>	<p>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass</p>	<p>Laurie Debono</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, 27th September <i>Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul</i></p>	<p>No Public Mass Today</p>	<p>The People of the Parish</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, 28th September <i>Op. Mem. of St. Wenceslaus, or Ss. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions</i></p>	<p>(2.30 pm Mass at Elmthorpe Convent) (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</p>	<p>Private Intention Rolando Balbag</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, 29th September <i>Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels</i></p>	<p>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass</p>	<p>Pat Griffiths</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, 30th September <i>Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i></p>	<p>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday</p>	<p>Thomas Gaughan (Get Well) Somtochukwu Blaise Ifemeje</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 1st October Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass at Our Lady's School (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</p>	<p>Pedro Fernandes Goncalves & Margarida Turquel De Jesus Luis Abel Da Silva</p>

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
Josie	Robin and Asha	This Weekend	Bernie D.	Sandra
Jackie	Sandra and Mabel	Next Weekend	Ann	

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.

Today is a Day of Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Harvest. We give thanks to God for all His love and kindness to us, especially today for the food we receive.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NEXT SUNDAY THERE WILL BE NO 11.00 AM MASS. INSTEAD THE MORNING MASS WILL BE AT 10.00 AND IT WILL BE IN OUR LADY'S SCHOOL AT THE BOTTOM OF HOLLOW WAY. PLEASE PARK IN THE CHURCH CARPARK AND WALK DOWN.

*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.*

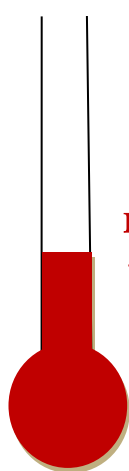
Please pray for those who died: **Jorge Garcia, Baby Tarcisio Jeronimo Andrade Babo, Luis Abel Da Silva, Frs. Paul Chavasse (CongOrat) and Edwin Cownley**, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: HH Pope John Paul I, Mgrs. Michael McTernan and Henry Farrelly, Canon Peter Reilly, Frs. John Bale, Gordon Banks, Paul Orchard, Edward Cotter, Laurence Daly, Denis Mary Egan and Luke Magee CP, Deacons Michael McCormack and Anthony (Tony) Colby, and also Robert Ghartey. 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 the Pope's Intentions.
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for our Parish.

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!

Baptisms: Welcome to Eilye and Emileo Flynn-Sefa and Valentino Sotgiu who will be baptised this weekend. Please pray for them and for their families.

Salesian Cooperators' first meeting of the year is this coming Thursday, the 28th September, in the Mornese Centre at Elmthorpe Convent, at 2.30 pm. All are welcome. Contact Chris Baker 01865 770102 for more information.

Cake Sale. After Masses this weekend there will be a cake sale in the Don Bosco Centre, courtesy of the Salesian Cooperators, to raise funds for the work of the Salesian Sisters in Africa.

My Day By Day Booklets. The October edition of these booklets, which give the daily Mass readings, are available at the back of church (£1).

At Masses this weekend, there will be a second collection for Father Hudson's Care. Father Hudson's mission is to provide Catholic Social Care in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, reaching out to support vulnerable people in need in communities near you. As inflation rises the challenges faced by those with the least are multiplied. Please give generously to support those with nowhere else to turn.

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. To apply or for info email traumahealinguk07@gmail.com

"International Day" - NEXT SUNDAY

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 at the bottom of Hollow Way on the Oxford Rd., followed by events/shared food/ games until about 2.00 pm. 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. There is a drop-off at the school for those with mobility difficulties and for food deliveries (gates open from 8.00 am). Otherwise please park at the church.

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

40 Days for Life Campaign: From Wednesday, 27th September to Saturday, 4th November, the Campaign invites you to join other Christians in 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end of abortion. You are invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside BPAS (Rectory Centre, 27-29 Rectory Road, OX4 1BU). For more info or to offer help, contact: Catherine at catherinermell2@gmail.com

Tailpiece: A priest was out one day when a large car pulled up on the road beside him. The car window slid down and a voice hailed him, "Say, Padre, have any great men been born around these parts?" "Well, no," the priest answered apologetically, "Only babies!"

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