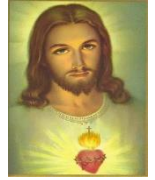




Our Lady Help of Christians and Sacred Heart



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st October, 2023

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Sunday, 1 st October Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at Our Lady's 7.30 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass at Our Lady's School 6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart	Somtochukwu Blaise Ifemeje Pedro Fernandes Goncalves & Margarida Turquel De Jesus Luis Abel Da Silva
Monday, 2 nd October <i>Mem. of the Holy Guardian Angels</i>	7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Carmelinda Pereira
Tuesday, 3 rd October <i>Mem. of St. Thomas Cantilupe</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's	Pawan (Birthday)
Wednesday, 4 th October <i>Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi</i>	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish
Thursday, 5 th October <i>Op. Mem. of St. Faustina Kowalska</i>	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart	Patrick Quinn
Friday, 6 th October <i>Op. Memorial of St. Bruno, Priest</i> CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's	Maryanne Borthwick (Birthday)
Saturday, 7 th October <i>Mem. of Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart 5.30 pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady's	Josephine & Dermot McMahon Anne-Marie Lyons (Anniversary)
Sunday, 8 th October Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Prisons Week</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's 6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart	Horacio Lui & Filomena Liu John Hudgell (Birthday) The People of the Parish

Confessions at Our Lady's: 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
Jackie	Sandra and Mabel	Ann	
Maureen	Rachel and Anne-Marie	Michelle and Fallon	Nalini

Welcome to Mass today, especially if you are just arriving at University for the start of the new year. May God bless you and give you joy and success here. Please do introduce yourself to me after Mass.

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: Archie Allen, Jorge Garcia, Baby Tarcisio Jeronimo Andrade Babo, Luis Abel Da Silva, Frs. Paul Chavasse (Cong Orat) and Edwin Cownley, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Canon Anthony (Tony) Piercy, Frs. William McGann, John Nightingale, John Danaher, John Bullen, Philip Casey, and John Fitzpatrick, Deacon John Burrows, and also Maureen Connolly, Teresa (Ann) Spencer, Mary Cromey, Pearl Jenkins, Noleen Bernadette (Bernie) Keenan, Mary Catherine Murphy, Nelly McLoughlin and John Doherty. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

Prayer at the end of Mass:

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! *Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

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 Mary Cromey (Anniversary).
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Mrs. Yvonne Brennan.

Our Lady's Flooring Appeal.

Target: £15,000
We have launched an appeal to raise £15,000 to renovate the floor in Our Lady's church.

Present level: £5,816.67
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!

Thank you to everyone who brought fruit and/or veg last weekend for our lovely Mass of Thanksgiving for the harvest. I took the offerings to the Foodbank on Tuesday, and they were very grateful to receive them.

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

Please pray for the sick, especially those we know: Claire French, John Pill, Aveen Kavanagh, Iris O'Brien, Doreen Cox, Betty Duff, Beatrice Upham, Mary Doyle, Thomas Gaughan, Jean Carpenter, Pat Mazonowicz, Barry Holland, Rosalind Ingrams, and Eileen McGarry.

40 Days for Life Campaign: Join other Christians in 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end of abortion. From Wednesday 27th September to Saturday 4th November, you're invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil outside BPAS (Rectory Centre, 27-29 Rectory Road, OX4 1BU). If you'd like more info or you'd like to volunteer to help, contact: Catherine at catherinermell2@gmail.com or sign up to vigil hours online via: 40daysforlife.com/Oxford.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day - this Friday, 6th October.

On Friday we are asked to give up some food and give the money that we save to help CAFOD in their work of helping people in need around the world. There will be a second collection for this at Masses next weekend.

In aid of fundraising for CAFOD, Rachel Breward is going to be running her first ever Half Marathon in October! Please pray for her, especially her knees, and please sponsor her if you can <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Rachel-Breward-Oxford-half>. The run will take place on 15th October in Oxford (the flat bits of Oxford).

Newman Night Walk next Sunday, 8th October, from Oxford to Littlemore, commemorating the arrival of Bl. Dominic Barberi at Littlemore and the anniversary of St. John Henry Newman's Reception into the Catholic Church. It starts at 7.15 pm with prayers at the Oratory, Oxford, followed at 9.00 pm by Candlelight Procession from 7 Courtland Road to Bl. Dominic Barberi Church; 9.30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; 9.50 pm Benediction and Procession to the College Library and Chapel. Light refreshments afterwards.

Situation Vacant: Parish Secretary at Sacred Heart. We are looking to appoint a part-time parish secretary. For more details, please come and ask me.

Would You Like To Become A Catholic, either by being baptised in the Catholic Church or by being received into the Catholic Church from another Christian community? Please call the parish office (01865 770910), or email Fr Harry: fr.harry.curtis@rcaob.org.uk.

Tailpiece: Following a Mission that had been run in a Deanery, three parish priests were discussing the results. The first said, "The Mission was very successful for us! We gained four new families." The second said, "We did better than that! We gained six new families." The third said, "Well, we did best of all. We got rid of our ten biggest trouble-makers!"

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