



Our Lady Help of Christians

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th October, 2023

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Sunday, 15 th October Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	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)	Josephine & Dermot McMahon Carlos Monteiro Tommy Gildea (Anniversary) The People of the Parish
Monday, 16 th October <i>Op. Mem. of St. Hedwig, Religious, or St. Margaret Mary Alacoque</i>	7.00 am Mass	Mrs. Thomas (Private Intention)
Tuesday, 17 th October <i>Mem. of St. Ignatius of Antioch</i>	9.15 am Mass	Annamma Chacko
Wednesday, 18 th October <i>Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist</i>	No Public Mass Today	John Edwards
Thursday, 19 th October <i>Mem. of St. Frideswide, Abbess, Patron of Oxford</i>	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Alexander McVeigh (Anniversary)
Friday, 20 th October	9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's School	Nalini (Birthday)
Saturday, 21 st October	11.00 am Mass with Confirmation (1.00 pm Baptism at Sacred Heart) 5.30 pm Vigil Mass in Our Lady's School (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)	Rhea da Souza (21 st Birthday) & Maria da Souza (Birthday) Elle Imogen Boyd Martin Jennings (1 st Anniv.)
Sunday, 22 nd October Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Mission Sunday	(9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 11.00 am Mass in Our Lady's School (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Bernadette Nolan (Anniversary) Shaheen Joshi (Birthday) The People of the Parish
(Confessions at Sacred Heart: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm)		

Saturday 5.30 pm Eucharistic Ministers	Sunday 11.00 am Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday 5.30 pm Readers	Sunday 11.00 am Readers
Vitalija	Anne and Robin	Naomi	Sandra
Nora	Asha and Sandra	Ann	Ellie and Ella

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.

Survive-Miva. This weekend we welcome especially Sally Ward who will speak to us about the work and purpose of Survive-Miva and ask for our help. The second collection will be for Survive-Miva.

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 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 and Pat Mazonowicz.

Please pray for Archie Allen who died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Bishop Michael Glancey, Mgr. Paul Joseph Watson, Canon William Withers, Frs. Aidan White-Spunner, Brendan Byrne and Thomas Burbage, and also Patrick O'Connell, Tommy Gildea, Peter Wootton, John O'Brien and Kathleen Hill. 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 Tommy Gildea (Anniversary).

Our Lady's Flooring Renovation.

Work on the church floor will start tomorrow, Monday, 16th October, and it is going to take nearly two weeks to complete. The workmen will take out the pews, sand the floor down, re-bed any loose blocks of wood, put several coats of varnish on the whole floor, and finally put the pews back again.

It's a lot of work and it is due to take the inside of two weeks to complete. That means that between Monday, 16th October and Friday, 27th October, the church will be out of use. If you can refrain from getting baptised, marrying or dying during this time it would be much appreciated!

Weekday Masses will be celebrated in the Chapel. Please enter from the carpark door.

The Masses next weekend (5.30 pm on Saturday, 22nd, and 11.00 am on Sunday, 23rd October) will be in Our Lady's School hall. Please park in the church carpark. There is a drop-off at the school for those with mobility difficulties.

After the 11.00 Mass today I should be grateful for about 6 volunteers, please, to help carry things that can be moved out of the church and to make the hall ready to take the pews. Thank you very much.



Next Sunday Is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission.

Parish collections for World Mission Sunday support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Missionaries work tirelessly, often in dangerous places to bring the Gospel and practical help to those in need. Please support them with your donations and prayers.

Missio Red Boxes. If you have a Red Box, could you please bring it in to be emptied by Sunday 12th November. You can leave boxes in the Sacristy. Thank you. If you would like to know more please speak to Sandra Cromey.

Salesian Cooperators' meeting: next Thursday, 19th October, 7.00 pm at Elmthorpe Convent. The speaker will be Bill Hunt, "His personal experience as a volunteer on Mercy Ship".

Day Of Prayer & Fasting For The Holy Land. We pray for peace in the Holy Land, following the outbreak of conflict. The awful situation there moves us to pray for all who have been injured and killed, and for a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land. The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, as President of all the Catholic Ordinaries of the Holy Land, is calling on Catholics around the world to observe a day of prayer and fasting for peace and reconciliation on Tuesday, 17th October. The Chapel will be open after the morning Mass, and the Blessed Sacrament exposed for Adoration for as long as is possible. If you can volunteer to be here to ensure Adoration, please sign the list or let me know.

October is the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary. So let us all turn to Our Blessed Lady and seek her intercession and ask that she will always be 'our most gentle Queen and Mother.'

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 are invited to stand and pray peacefully outside BPAS (Rectory Centre, 27-29 Rectory Road, OX4 1BU). For more information or to volunteer to help, contact: Catherine at catherinermell2@gmail.com or sign up to vigil hours online via: 40daysforlife.com/Oxford.

Please pray for Fatima Mohammed as she receives the Sacrament of Confirmation here next Saturday morning.

Tailpiece: A friend of mine told me this story. Many years ago he was a hospital chaplain and he was called out in the middle of the night on a sick call. Still half asleep he went into the hospital room and found a lady sitting in bed. He gave her the Sacrament of the Sick and returned home. The next day he was doing his regular round and he noticed that the room the woman had been in was empty. "What happened to her?" he asked. "Did she die?" "No, she's fine," replied the nurse. "She's gone home. You went into the wrong room; she was only here because her husband was in the next room recovering from an operation." "Good heavens!" said the chaplain, "What must she have thought!" "Oh, that's alright," said the nurse. "She was very impressed. She thought it was part of the National Health Service."

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