



Our Lady Help of Christians

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd October, 2023

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Sunday, 22 nd October Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>World Mission Sunday</i>	5.30 pm Vigil Mass in Our Lady's School <i>(9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)</i> 11.00 am Mass in Our Lady's School <i>(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Martin Jennings (1st Anniv.)</i> <i>Bernadette Nolan (Anniversary)</i> <i>Shaheen Joshi (Birthday)</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>
Monday, 23 rd October <i>Op. Mem. of St. John of Capestrano</i>	7.00 am Mass	<i>Francisco Pereira, Marcelo Da Silva and dec'd family members</i>
Tuesday, 24 th October <i>Op. Mem. of St. Anthony Mary Claret</i>	9.15 am Mass	<i>Anne Rhodes (Special Intention)</i>
Wednesday, 25 th October	No Public Mass Today	<i>John Sinclair</i>
Thursday, 26 th October <i>Op. Mem. of St. Cedd, Bishop</i>	<i>(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Baby Tarcisio Jeronimo Andrade Babo</i>
Friday, 27 th October	<i>6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction</i> 7.00 pm Mass	<i>Mary RIP</i>
Saturday, 28 th October <i>Feast of St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> <i>(10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass	<i>Dermot and Josephine McMahon</i> <i>Kathleen McMahon Yuda</i>
Sunday, 29 th October Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)</i> 11.00 am Mass 3.00 pm Baptisms <i>(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Cecilia Michael</i> <i>Katherine Raj (Anniversary)</i> <i>Luis, Jatniel & Britney</i> <i>Adelina Lemos & Cosme Ximenes</i>
Confessions: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm <i>(Confessions at Sacred Heart: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm; Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am)</i>		

Saturday 5.30 pm Eucharistic Ministers	Sunday 11.00 am Eucharistic Ministers	This Weekend	Saturday 5.30 pm Readers	Sunday 11.00 am Readers
Nora	Asha and Sandra	This Weekend	Ann	Ellie and Ella
Zoja	Mabel and Rachel	Next Weekend	Bernie	

Welcome to Mass today, and thank you to Our Lady's School for your hospitality.

Please pray for Margaret Walsh who died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Frs. John Murray, Edward Burbage and John Francis McGovern, and also Kathleen Hill, Betty Etheridge, Shirley Matthews, Elizabeth (Pat) Smith, Frances Aprea, Mary Harrington and Domenico Antonio Mirto. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

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.

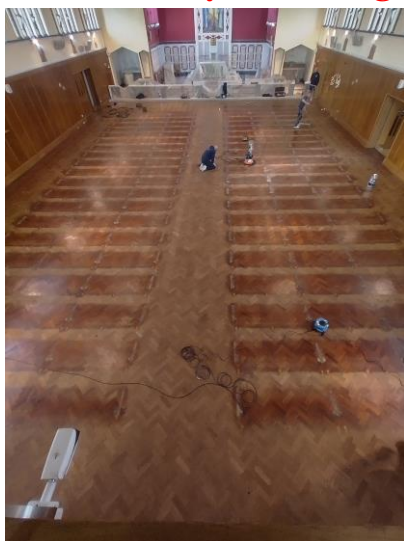
If you wish to join us for Mass or other services from your home go to:

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>

*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.*

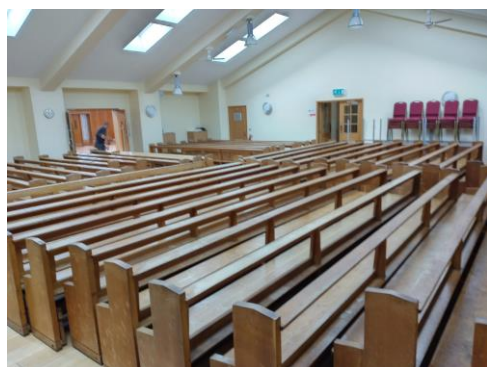
The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for **Martin Atherton**.

Our Lady's Flooring Renovation.



Work on the church floor has gone well this week, thank God, and it should be finished soon.

After the benches had been taken into the Don Bosco Centre both the size of the floor and the poor state of it became apparent.



The first task was to find and re-fix any wood blocks that had become unstuck (which proved to be quite a lot).

Then the sanding of the floor could start. It was noisy, but with four big machines it didn't take as long as you might think.



The final task of putting on the varnish is now well in hand.

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

Today is World Mission Sunday. On this day the whole Church unites through prayer for its missionary activity and by collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world experiencing situations of poverty and turmoil. The theme chosen by the Holy Father for this year is: 'Hearts on fire, feet on the move' (Luke 24:13-35). Thank you for your ongoing support of Missio through prayer and charity. There will be a second collection at Masses this weekend for Missio. For more information about World Mission Sunday, please visit missio.org.uk/wms.

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.

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.

Congratulations to Fatima Mohammed who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.

November begins with the Solemnity of All Saints (Wednesday 1st), which is a Holy Day of Obligation for us as Catholics. It is also the month of the Holy Souls. The Holy Souls lists will be available next weekend for people to add the names of loved ones.

Blessing Of Graves

- at Rose Hill Cemetery will be on Sunday, 5th November at 3.00 pm. (gather in the cemetery chapel);
- at Headington Cemetery will be on Saturday, 11th November at 11.30 am.

Tailpiece: "Father, will you pray for Annabelle today?"
"Certainly," said the priest, and did so.
The following week he said to the man, "How is Annabelle? Would you like me to go on praying for her?"
"No thanks, Father. She won at 6-to-4 on."

May God bless you and all those whom you love.

Fr. Harry

P.S. British Summertime ends. The clocks change next Saturday night/Sunday morning (hurray, an extra hour in bed!).

