



# Our Lady Help of Christians

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

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Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass</b> 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>11.00 am Mass</b> 3.00 pm Baptisms (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Kathleen McMahon Yuda  Cecilia Michael Katherine Raj (Anniversary) Luis, Jatniel & Britney Adelina Lemos & Cosme Ximenes
Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>7.00 am Mass</b> 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Kitty Davies (Birthday)
Tuesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> October	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>9.15 am Mass</b>	Annamma Thomas
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> November <b>Solemnity of All Saints</b> Holyday of Obligation	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>9.15 am Mass</b> (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Kathleen Mullagh (Birthday) The People of the Parish
Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> November Commemoration of All Souls	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>9.15 am Mass</b> (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Bernadette Edwards (Birthday) Holy Souls
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> November Op. Mem. of St. Martin de Porres, or of St. Winifride	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	Mr. R. K. Joshi & Mrs. M. F. Joshi
Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> November Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>	Josephine & Dermot McMahon Gary Ainger
Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> November <b>Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>7.45 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>11.00 am Mass</b> (3.00 pm Blessing of Graves at Rose Hill) (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Andre Pereira Mr. R. K. Joshi & Mrs. M. F. Joshi  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
Zoja	Mabel and Rachel	<b>This Weekend</b>	Bernie	John
Agnes	Anne-Marie and Anne	<b>Next Weekend</b>	Bernie	Sandra

**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.*

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 Noreen Duffy, Margaret Walsh and Margaret Dunne who died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville, Bishop John Barrett, Canon Denis Toplass, Frs. Thomas Williams, John O'Dwyer, Patrick O'Sullivan, James Faulconer-Morgan, Henry Taylor, Louis Moore, James Curtin and Aengus Gabriel Donlon, Deacon Paul Grosvenor, and Sean Bates, Patrick Hughes and Katherine Raj. 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 Zoja Bogatirjova (Birthday).  
St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week in Thanksgiving for Graces received.

## Our Lady's Flooring Renovation.

Target:  
£15,000

I hope you like the floor now that the work on it has been finished. The workmen were brilliant and I think it has made a great difference.

Present level:  
£6,860.07

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the fund. As you can see, we have made very good inroads into the amount needed, but we still have some way to go. All donations, large and small, will be welcome.

There will be a second collection for the fund today. Please help if you can.

**Missio Red Boxes.** If you have a Red Box, could you please bring it in to be emptied by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.



**40 Days for Life Campaign ends next Saturday:** 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](mailto:catherinermell2@gmail.com)

**First Friday.** The Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart will be said before Mass on Friday this week.

**All Saints Day and All Souls Day.** Wednesday this week is the Solemnity of All Saints which is a Holyday of Obligation. That means we should all do our best to attend Mass. There will be Mass here at Our Lady's at 9.15 am which will be attended by Our Lady's School, and at Sacred Heart at 7.00 pm.

All Souls Day will be on Thursday. It is not a Holyday of Obligation, but many people like to go to Mass to pray for their deceased family and friends. There will be Mass here at 9.15 am and at Sacred Heart at 7.00 pm.


**The Johnson Fund.** There will be a second collection next weekend to support this Fund which exists for the support of the Secular Clergy of our Archdiocese who, on account of age, infirmity or sickness, need financial help. Thank you very much.

**Cake Sale.** Thanks to the Salesian Cooperators who will be selling cakes in the Don Bosco Centre after Masses next weekend. Proceeds will go to the Church Floor Renovation Fund.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for November: For the Pope.** We pray for the Holy Father, as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**My Day By Day Booklets for November,** which give the daily Mass readings, are available at the back of church (£1).

**In November we pray for those who have died.**

- **November Prayers for the Dead.** There are memorial slips available to write the names of those for whom you wish to pray during November. Place the slips in the basket in front of the altar and they will be remembered at Mass during the month.
- **Blessing of Graves.** Rose Hill Cemetery will be on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00 pm. (gather in the cemetery chapel); Headington Cemetery will be on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11.30 am.
- **Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the North Oxford Deanery,** Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 12.00 noon, at Corpus Christi, Headington. Every year the clergy of the Deanery celebrate Mass for their deceased brothers. All welcome to join us.
- **Parish Memorial Mass for those in the parish who have died,** especially those whose funerals have been held here during the past year, on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, 11.00 am. If you would like anyone's name to be included, please let me know. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Don Bosco Centre.
- **Remembrance Sunday.** Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> November. We shall have a short service after each Mass to lay a wreath and pray for those who have died in war and for peace. 

**Tailpiece:** A small girl was once asked to pray for fine weather so that her grandmother's rheumatism might get better. Accordingly, when she went to bed she knelt down and prayed: "O Lord, please make it hot for Grandma."

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