



Our Lady Help of Christians

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Remembrance Sunday

12th November, 2023

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Sunday, 12 th November Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	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)	Sean Jennings (<i>Anniversary</i>) Brendan McNally (<i>Anniversary</i>) Dermot & Josephine McMahon Anthony Pinto Sarmiento
Monday, 13 th November	7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Reception of Noreen Duffy	Winnie Gildea
Tuesday, 14 th November	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass, followed by the Rosary (12.00 noon Mass at Corpus Christi)	Robin & Anne MacDonald & Family <i>Deceased Clergy of the Deanery</i>
Wednesday, 15 th November <i>Op. Mem. of St. Albert the Great</i>	No Public Mass Today	<i>The People of the Parish</i>
Thursday, 16 th November <i>Op. Mem. of St. Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop</i>	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Mr. Paul Lydon
Friday, 17 th November <i>Op. Memorials of St. Hilda, Abbess, or St. Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop, or St. Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Nora Duffy
Saturday, 18 th November <i>Op. Mem. of the Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter & St. Paul</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 11.00 am Parish Memorial Mass 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	<i>Deceased Parishioners & Friends</i> Mary Clarke
Sunday, 19 th November Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>World Day of the Poor</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 11.00 am Mass 1.00 pm Baptism (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Patrick McGroarty Anita de Fatima Cruz Clarke Antony Cooney
Confessions: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm (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
Henry	Robin and Asha	This Weekend	Naomi	Nalini
Bernadette	Sandra and Mabel	Next Weekend	Ann	Ella and Ellie

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.



Remembrance Sunday. Today is Remembrance Sunday. 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.

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*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: Frs. Michael O'Keefe, Petroc Howell, Laurence Smith, Thomas Stanislaus O'Connor, William Matthew Boyle, Joseph Ryan, James O'Sullivan, Raymond Jones and Bernard Boulton, Deacon John Burton, Srs. Lisetta Ferrari, Mary Mulhall, Mary Dooley and Teresa Shannon FMA, and also Elizabeth (Betty) Magan, Ryszard Kaniszewski, Patrick Lynch, John Perkins, Peggy Byrne, Sean Jennings, Sylvia Whaley, Antonio Gomes Goncalves Figueira, Marjorie (Maggie) Chungtuyco and Roger Afford. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace. **There will be a simple Reception for Noreen Duffy on Monday at 6.00 pm.**

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 Lily and Philo Baptist and Vilma Renaux.
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for children from Catholic families who have not been baptised.
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Godfrey and Gwen Roberts.
St. John Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Paul (Get Well).

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:
£8329.62

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the fund. We still have some way to go but the end is in sight. All donations, large and small, will be welcome.

Missio Red Boxes. If you have a Red Box, could you please bring it in this weekend to be emptied. Thank you.



First Holy Communion Lessons. Parents, if your children are aged 8 or over and you wish them to receive their First Holy Communion next May, please register them with me, using the form at the back of church, or on-line at [Application for First Holy Communion & Reconciliation | Our Lady Help of Christians | Cowley | Oxford \(olhoccowley.co.uk\)](#)

Wanted! Catechists! After Christmas we shall be starting the lessons to prepare children for the Sacraments. But we need people who are willing to help. If you would like to try this ministry, please talk to me.

Homes for Ukraine Matching Service. If you have room in your home and your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then please visit <https://sjoq-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

Would you like to become a Catholic? If so, please contact me at fr.harry.curtis@rcaob.org.uk

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.
- **Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the North Oxford Deanery,** next Tuesday, 14th November, 12.00 noon, at Corpus Christi, Headington.
- **Parish Memorial Mass for those in the parish who have died,** especially during the past year, next Saturday, at 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.

Salesian Cooperators. Many thanks to the Cooperators who raised £200 for the floor fund by selling cakes last weekend. There will be a 'Craft making and Social' afternoon on Thursday, 16th November, at 2.30 pm in the Mornese Centre. All are welcome.

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal. Message from CAFOD: "Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been helping those most in need." There will be a second collection at Masses next weekend for this Appeal.

Tailpiece:

Voice on the telephone: "Hello. Is that the church?"

Priest: "Yes. How can I help you?"

Voice on the telephone: "My wife is expecting a baby and she wants to know how she can arrange a Baptism."

Priest: "I see. Is this her first baby?"

Voice on the telephone: "No. This is her husband."

May God bless you and all those whom you love.

Fr. Harry