



Our Lady Help of Christians

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th November, 2023

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Sunday, 19 th November Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>World Day of the Poor</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 1.00 pm Baptism (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Mary Clarke Patrick McGroarty Anita de Fatima Cruz Clarke Antony Cooney
Monday, 20 th November	7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Fr. Michael Power SDB
Tuesday, 21 st November <i>Memorial of the Presentation of Our Lady</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Jeronimo Ribeiro Babo Martins, Ivan dos Santo Guterres Andrade & Carlos M E Guterres Andrade
Wednesday, 22 nd November <i>Memorial of St. Cecilia, Martyr</i>	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish
Thursday, 23 rd November <i>Op. Mems. of St. Clement I, Pope, or St. Columban, Abbot</i>	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Michael Cullen (Anniversary)
Friday, 24 th November <i>Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, Martyrs</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	John Edward Pill (57 th Anniversary)
Saturday, 25 th November <i>Op. Mem. of St. Catherine of Alexandria</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Anna Merlino (Intentions) Mabel Golkowski & Family
Sunday, 26 th November Solemnity of Christ the King <i>National Youth Sunday</i>	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)	Edward & Mary Murphy Tony Kavanagh (Anniversary) 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
Bernadette	Sandra and Mabel	Ann	Ella and Ellie
Josie	Rachel and Anne-Marie	Fallon	Nalini and Sandra
	This Weekend		
	Next Weekend		

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.

We welcome Carlton Rose to Our Lady's today. Carlton is from Witney, and he is preparing to become a Permanent Deacon. He has very kindly agreed to come here today to tell us what that means.

Solemnity of Christ the King. Next Sunday is the last of the year and it is a Day of Prayer for Young People. There will be a second collection for the Catholic Youth Services.

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, Inna, and Pat Mazonowicz.

Please pray for Noreen Duffy and Jean Claude Rubati who died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Archbishop John McIntyre, Canon Philip Coyne, Frs. Gerry Jackson, David Higham, Michael Connolly, Deacon Pat Linthwaite, Srs. Margaret Renshaw, Kathleen Jones and Mary Cairns FMA, and also Grace Gingell, Denis Fitzgibbon, Valerie Mostopher and Francis (Frank) Piggott. 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 Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady's.

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for the Baptist Family and Friends.

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Peace in the Holy Land.

St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for the Roberts Family and Friends.

St. John Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Young People in our Parish.

Our Lady's Flooring Renovation.

Target:

£15,000

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.

Present level:

£8329.62

Our next fundraising event will be a **FESTIVE PARISH LUNCH** on Sunday, 10th December, in the Don Bosco Centre, following the 11.00 am Mass. Lovely food; good company; lots of fun! Tickets will be available next week, so make sure you don't miss out.

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? There will be an introductory meeting next Friday at 5.00 pm in the Don Bosco Centre next to the church. All welcome. If you are interested but can't come to this meeting, please contact me at fr.harry.curtis@rcaob.org.uk

November Prayers for the Dead. If you wish, there is still time to write the names of those for whom you wish to pray and place the slips in the basket in front of the altar. They will be remembered at each Mass.

Baptism. This weekend we welcome Cruz Clarke into the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for him and his family.

The Advent *Walk With Me* booklet is now available on your benches, with daily reflections. Free, or if you wish to make a donation, thank you. *Walk With Me* can be a wonderful resource to give to relatives, friends and work colleagues who are interested in discovering the true meaning of Christmas. There are also copies of the **Advent *Day by Day* booklets** (£1) which have the readings used at Mass for each day of Advent.

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 this weekend for this Appeal.

Sacred Heart Christmas Bazaar
in the Sacred Heart parish hall,
Sawpit Road, Blackbird Leys, OX4 6BD,
NEXT Saturday, 25th November, 2.00-4.00 pm.
All welcome.

Tailpiece: One Sunday a priest preached about the wonders of God's creation, how there is a prayer in every garden and a sermon in every blade of grass. The next morning he was in his garden cutting his lawn when a parishioner called to him, "That's right, Father. Keep them short!"

May God bless you and all those whom you love.

Fr. Harry