



Our Lady Help of Christians

Solemnity of Christ the King

26th November, 2023

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Sunday, 26 th November Solemnity of Christ the King National Youth Sunday	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)	Mabel Golkowski & Family Edward & Mary Murphy Tony Kavanagh (Anniversary) Wilson (Intentions)
Monday, 27 th November	7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Inna
Tuesday, 28 th November	No Public Mass Today	Helen Towey (Birthday)
Wednesday, 29 th November	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish
Thursday, 30 th November Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Brendan McNally
Friday, 1 st December Feast of St. Edmund Campion, Martyr	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Thomas Duff (Anniversary)
Saturday, 2 nd December	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 12.00 noon Nuptial Mass 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Piter Bintaldays & Benvinda Amaral De Fatima Maxanches Janet Gildea
Sunday, 3 rd December First Sunday of Advent Migrants' Day	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)	Joseph McGarry (Anniversary) Kevin Kirby (Intentions) John Cullen (Birthday)
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
Josie	Rachel and Anne-Marie	This Weekend	Fallon	Nalini and Sandra
Jackie	Anne and Robin	Next Weekend	Fallon	John

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.

Solemnity of Christ the King. Today is the last Sunday of the Church's year and it brings to a climax the whole of the message of our salvation in Jesus by acknowledging Him as our Lord and King in every aspect of our life. It is especially a Day of Prayer for Young People. At Masses this weekend there will be a second collection for the Catholic Youth Services.

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, Inna, and Pat Mazonowicz.

Please pray for Mike Simmons and Jean Claude Rubati who died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Archbishops Joseph Masterson and Edward Ilsley, Canon Augustine Emery, Frs. Edward Neary, Reginald Anwyl, Norman Millard and Peter John Rogers, and also Josephine McMahon, Clare Curtis, Wendy Burns, Joan Taylor, Mrs. Higgins and Cecilia (Sheila) Harris. 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 Helen Towey (Birthday).

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Peace and Justice.

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Clare Curtis (Anniversary).

St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week in Thanksgiving (HC).

St. John Bosco's Candle is burning this week for those seeking to be received into the Church.

Our Lady's Flooring Renovation.

Target: £15,000
Present level: £8879.62

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.

Our next fundraising event will be a PARISH LUNCH on Sunday, 10th December, in the Don Bosco Centre, following the 11.00 am Mass.

Menu:

Roast pork loin with roast potatoes, carrots and parsnips and steamed broccoli, *or* Turkey casserole with dumplings, roast potatoes, carrots, parsnips and steamed broccoli, *or*

Vegetarian curry with rice and steamed broccoli

Followed by: Mince or Apple pie and cream
Tea/coffee

Tickets: £12 per adult / £10 per child under 10, on sale after Mass today.

Please pray for Piter Bintaldays and Benvinda Amaral De Fatima Maxanches who are being married here next Saturday.

The new Diocesan Directories are available from the Piety Stall, £4.50.

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 \(olhoccowley.co.uk\)](#)

Pope's Prayer Intention for December: For people with disabilities. We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.

First Friday. This Friday is the First of the month. We shall pray the Prayers to the Sacred Heart before Mass.

Oxford Pro-Life Rosary Witness: On Saturday 2nd December all pro-lifers are invited to recite the Rosary for the end of abortion and in defence of life. There will be a meeting outside the Clarendon building at 48 Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3AZ at 12.00 noon. For more info contact Honor Roberts at honorroberts@hotmail.com

Pro-life drinks. 7.30-9.00 pm, Thursday 30th November. "Up in Arms", Marston, OX3 OEN. Whether you're new and would like to find out more or a seasoned pro-lifer, come along to relax with like-minded people and keep connected with the pro-life community in Oxford. All welcome! Just turn up, and why not bring a friend?

The Advent Walk With Me booklet, with daily reflections for the Season, is now available. Free, or if you wish to make a donation, thank you. There are also copies of the **Advent Day by Day booklets** (£1) which have the readings used at Mass for each day of Advent.

Cake Sale. After Masses next weekend there will be a cake sale in the Don Bosco Centre, courtesy of the Salesian Cooperators, to raise funds for the work of the Salesian Sisters in Africa.

Missio Red Boxes. Thank you to everyone who brought in their Red Boxes, and thank you for your generosity and support. Your empty box is ready to be collected from the back of the church.

Salesian Cooperators Remembrance Service for deceased Cooperators and Salesian Sisters. Thursday, 30th November, 2.30 pm, Elmthorpe Convent Chapel. All are welcome. Contact Chris Baker 01865 770 102.

Tailpiece: A priest was invited to give an after-dinner speech. He had a collection of humorous stories, but he didn't want the reporters in the audience to print them because it would mean he could never use them again, so he appealed to their good nature not to put them in the papers. It was a pity that the following morning all the papers said, "Father told several stories. Unfortunately, they are unprintable."

May God bless you and all those whom you love.

Fr. Harry