



Our Lady Help of Christians

Easter Sunday

31st March, 2024

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Happy Easter, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Sunday, 31 st March Easter Sunday	Saturday Evening 8.00 pm Easter Vigil 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Syro-Malabar Community Mass (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 11.00 am Mass	Gill Goddard and Richie Harris Private Intention John Cullen Winnie Gildea (Birthday)
Monday, 1 st April Monday within the Easter Octave	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass	The People of the Parish
Tuesday, 2 nd April Tuesday within the Easter Octave	No Public Mass Today	Josie McCrave
Wednesday, 3 rd April Wednesday within the Easter Octave	No Public Mass Today	Carmel and Family
Thursday, 4 th April Thursday within the Easter Octave	No Public Mass Today	Sabas and Lourdes Balbag
Friday, 5 th April Friday within the Easter Octave First Friday	No Public Mass Today	Private Intention
Saturday, 6 th April Saturday within the Easter Octave	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 1.00 pm Baptism 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Maise Moran Grace Huish Mick Mullagh (Anniversary)
Sunday, 7 th April Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Syro-Malabar Community Mass (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 11.00 am Mass (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Private Intention Larry Gardner Pat Atherton and Family Luvi Andrade Dircia da Conceicao & Janeiro de Andrade

(Confessions at Sacred Heart: 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
Josie and Nora		Easter Vigil	Naomi, Maria, Fletcher, Shalvina, and Sr. Breda	
Mabel and Rachel		Easter Sunday		John and Nalini
Jackie	Anne-Marie and Anne	Next Weekend	Ann	Nalini and Sandra

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.

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Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today, especially if you are new to the parish or visiting for Easter.



The Easter Season

The Easter Season begins today, Easter Sunday, and ends after Evening Prayer on Pentecost Sunday. These fifty days are a very special time and, as St. Athanasius wrote, they “are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one great Sunday.” The first eight days make up the Easter Octave and they are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord – that is, feast days of the most importance. The joyful sound of “Alleluia!” is heard many times in this season and we add two “Alleluias” at the dismissal of the Mass this week.

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

<https://www.mcn.live/Camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>

Please pray for the sick, especially those we know: Keelin Trahearne, Claudino Serra Vaz, Claire French, John Pill, Aveen Kavanagh, Iris O’Brien, Doreen Cox, Betty Duff, Beatrice Upham, Thomas Gaughan, Jean Carpenter, Cheryl Jones, and Inna.

Please pray for Amelia Roach and Aleyamma John who died recently, and all whose anniversaries are at this time: Archbishop Thomas Leighton Williams, Bishop Anthony Emery, Mgr. Canon Daniel Leonard, Frs. Matthew Sheridan, John Callaghan, Philip O’Reilly, Lawrence King, Michael Clive Glynn, Timothy Burke, Deacon Raymond Zacaroli, and also Bridget (Breda) Keenan, Patricia Conway, Elizabeth Conry, Bob and Collette McNarry, Mary Bailey, Mick Mullagh, Maureen Gannon and Martyn Spackman. May they rest in peace.

Prayer at the end of Mass:

*Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia;
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia:
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.*

**O Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia,
Has risen as he said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.**

**The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Thomas and Margaret Griffin RIP.
Our Lady’s Candle is burning this week for Bob and Collette McNarry RIP.**

My Day By Day booklets for Easter are available (£1) at the back of church.

Traditionally the collection at the Easter Masses is your personal offering to your priest. There are envelopes at the back of church if you wish. Thank you.

Opposing the decriminalisation of abortion. The government’s flagship Criminal Justice Bill has two important amendments that could fundamentally change our laws on abortion. You can write to your local MP to make your voice heard on this important issue. (Pre-printed cards are available on the table if you want them).

Congratulations and welcome to Gill Goddard who was baptised, confirmed and received her First Holy Communion and to Richie Harris who was received into full communion with the Catholic Church. May God bless them now and always.

A big thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our Holy Week celebrations so beautiful. Thank you to the altar servers, the sacristans, the stewards, the flower arrangers, the cleaners, the musicians, the Eucharistic ministers, the readers and the booklet-folders. Thank you too to Fr. Martin Flatman who was here on Maundy Thursday.

‘Oxford Pro-Life Rosary Witness: On Saturday 6th April (On Our Lady’s first Saturday of the Month) all pro-lifers are warmly invited to recite the Rosary for the end of abortion and in defence of life. We will be meeting outside the Clarendon building at 48 Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3AZ, at 12.00 noon. Please join us in the mission of witnessing to the Gospel of life for the conversion of hearts and minds. For more info contact Honor Roberts at honorroberts@hotmail.com.’

Holidays. I am planning to take a few days off this week so there will be no public Mass here on Tuesday or Friday as there would normally be. I shall still be celebrating Mass, however, and I shall offer Mass for the listed intentions.

Tailpiece: Finally, what do you get if you pour boiling water down a rabbit hole?
Hot Cross Bunnies!

(Sorry!)

**Have a very happy and blessed Easter.
May God bless you and all those whom you love.**

Fr. Harry

