



Our Lady Help of Christians

Second Sunday of Easter

(Divine Mercy Sunday)

7th April, 2024

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Happy Eastertide, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

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| Sunday, 7 th April Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday | 5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass 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) | Mick Mullagh (Anniversary) Private Intention Larry Gardner Pat Atherton and Family Luvi Andrade Dircia da Conceicao & Januario de Andrade |
| Monday, 8 th April Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord | 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (12.00 noon Mass at Sacred Heart) 7.00 pm Mass | Special Intention Tom Gaughan (Anniversary) |
| Tuesday, 9 th April Easter Feria | 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass, followed by the Rosary | Mary Bailey (Anniversary) |
| Wednesday, 10 th April Easter Feria | No Public Mass Today | The People of the Parish |
| Thursday, 11 th April Mem. of St. Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr | (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart) | Dominic Durkin |
| Friday, 12 th April Easter Feria | 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass | Patrick Murphy (Anniversary) |
| Saturday, 13 th April Op. Mem. of St. Martin I, Pope, Martyr | 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday | Jeronimo Ribeiro Babo Martins Fr. Peter Dooley (Anniversary) |
| Sunday, 14 th April Third Sunday of Easter | 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 Martinho Amaral The People of the Parish In Thanksgiving |
| Confessions: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm (Confessions at Sacred Heart: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm; Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am) | | |

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| Saturday 5.30 pm Eucharistic Ministers | Sunday 11.00 am Eucharistic Ministers | | Saturday 5.30 pm Readers | Sunday 11.00 am Readers |
| Jackie | Anne-Marie and Anne | This Weekend | Ann | Nalini and Sandra |
| Maureen | Robin and Asha | Next Weekend | Henry | Ellie and Ella |

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

*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.*

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, Susana Lee and Aleyamma John who died recently, and all whose anniversaries are at this time: Canon Peter Edward Jones, Frs. Kevin Preston, Eamon Patrick Clarke, Kenneth William Collins, Joseph Barr and Michael McManus, Deacon Jack Foxall, and also Thomas (Tom) Gaughan and Jose Do Livramento De Abreu. 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.**

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| <p>The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Sheila Jennings (Special Intention). Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Pat Atherton (Intentions).</p> |
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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).

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. According to the diary of St. Faustina, Jesus said: "...tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon the souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet....". (Diary 699).

Welcome to Grace Huish who was baptised here this weekend. May God bless her and her family.

Gift Aid Boxes. Thank you to those who have collected their new Gift Aid envelopes, and a reminder to those who have yet to do so that they are available at the back of the church. Please let Geraldine, the parish secretary, know if you no longer need the boxes. Thank you.

The SJOG Homes for Ukraine Scheme seeks sponsors who have a spare bedroom in their home or empty property that could accommodate an individual or family for 6 months, to help those who are fleeing the war settle into life in the UK. So far, the Catholic community in England and Wales have responded very generously, but the need is still great with over 2000 families still waiting to find a home. For more information contact homesforukraine@SJOG.org.uk or visit the website at <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>.

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

Year of Prayer. The next Deanery talk about Prayer will be given by Br. Martin Mikuskiewicz OFM (Cap) at Greyfriars, Iffley Rd, Tuesday, 16th April, 7.00-8.00 pm.

All are invited to join Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea) this week as it hosts a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, on Wednesday, 10th April. Mass will start at 12.15 pm and will be followed by a reception in the Grimshaw Room.

Work Experience opportunity for young adults with the SVP and CAFOD. The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are offering residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. It will be 7th-13th July in London. Candidates must be aged 20-30 years old and have a passion for social justice. For more info go to SarahB@svp.org.uk or khutchinson@cafod.org.uk.

Tailpiece: One Sunday a priest, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during his message. The man returned just before the end of the Mass. Afterwards the priest asked the man where he had gone. "I went to get a haircut," said the man. "Why didn't you do that before Mass?" asked the priest. "I didn't need one then", came the reply.

Thank you for your generosity to me last Sunday and also for your gifts, cards, good wishes and prayers. I appreciate them very much.

May God bless you and all those whom you love.

Fr. Harry