



# Our Lady Help of Christians

## Third Sunday of Easter

14<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

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Happy Eastertide, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup> April <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass</b> 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Syro-Malabar Community Mass (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>11.00 am Mass</b> (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Fr. Peter Dooley (Anniversary)  Private Intention Martinho Amaral Laurie Debono (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary) Fransisca Fatima and Manuel Fatima Tilwan		
Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Feria	<b>7.00 am Mass</b> 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Sheila Jennings (Intentions)		
Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Feria	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>9.15 am Mass in Our Lady's School</b>	Mrs Susan Lawson		
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Feria	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish		
Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Feria	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Ercia F. G. Andrade (Thanksgiving)		
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Feria	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (12.30 pm Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart) 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	Amelia Francis  Peggy Upham		
Saturday, 20 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Feria	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>	Edward and Mary Murphy Mercedes Carrera (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)		
Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> April <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> World Day of Prayer for Vocations	<b>7.45 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</b> 9.00 am Syro-Malabar Community Mass (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>11.00 am Mass</b> (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Private Intention Cecilia Michael Mabel (Intentions) 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
Maureen	Robin and Asha	<b>This Weekend</b>	Henry	Ellie and Ella
Vitalija	Sandra and Mabel	<b>Next Weekend</b>	Naomi	Fletcher and Maria

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

*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 Francis, Susana Lee and Gillian Phipps** who died recently, and all whose anniversaries are at this time: Frs. Anthony Browne, Peter Moore, Reginald Slade, Patrick Downey, and Antony Conlon, and also Laurie Debono, Mercedes Carrera, Jose Do Livramento De Abreu, Joseph Kelly, Anne Doherty and Phyllis Hilsdon. May they rest in peace. The funeral of Susana Lee will take place at Greyfriars this coming Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, at 11.00 am, followed by her burial at Botley Cemetery. The funeral of Amelia Francis will take place at Sacred Heart church this coming Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April, at 12.30 pm, followed by committal at Barton Crematorium.

**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 Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Violet Biggs.  
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for the Barry Family (Intentions).**

**Easter Duties.** Remember! The Church says that all Catholics who have made their First Holy Communion should receive the Holy Eucharist sometime between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost Sunday. They should also take part in the Sacrament of Penance before receiving this Easter Communion.

**Cowley Cooperators Retreat Day.** On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30 am to 3.30 pm in the Mornese Centre at Elmthorpe Convent. The theme for the day is 'The little people in the Gospel'. Anyone in the parish who is interested and would like to come along please contact Chris Baker on 01865 770 102.

**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 7<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:SarahB@svp.org.uk) or [khutchinson@cafod.org.uk](mailto:khutchinson@cafod.org.uk).

**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).

**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.

**Annual Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage.** An invitation is extended to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, to the annual Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 12 Noon, followed by light refreshments. Please visit [www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass](http://www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass).

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

**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. For more information contact [homesforukraine@SJOG.org.uk](mailto:homesforukraine@SJOG.org.uk) or visit the website at <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>.

**Next Sunday is "Good Shepherd Sunday".** It is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations when we pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life in our Archdiocese. There will be the annual collection at Masses for the Clergy Training Fund which supports our seminarians and diaconate students.

**Tailpiece:** A priest was being moved from his parish, and so he went round to explain and say goodbye to his parishioners. One dear elderly lady lamented, "O, Father, it is we old women who will miss you most. We always felt that you are one of us."

**May God bless you and all those whom you love.  
Fr. Harry**