



# Our Lady Help of Christians

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

21<sup>st</sup> April, 2024

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**Happy Eastertide, everyone.**

**Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!**

Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> April <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	<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)	Mercedes Carrera (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)  Private Intention Cecilia Michael Mabel (Intentions) The People of the Parish	
Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> April <i>Monday of Easter Week 4</i>	<b>7.00 am Mass</b> 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	The Sisters at Elmthorpe	
Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> April <b>Solemnity of St. George, Martyr, Patron of England</b>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>9.15 am Mass</b>	Kath and John Pill (Intentions)	
Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Op. Mem. of St. Adalbert, &amp; of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen</i>	No Public Mass Today	Special Intention (Perpetua)	
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> April <b>Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist</b>	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart: Confirmations)	Maria Ribeiro and Family	
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Friday of Easter Week 4</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	Nancy Lyons (Birthday)	
Saturday, 27 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Saturday of Easter Week 4</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>5.30 pm Confirmations (Vigil for Sunday)</b>	Kim Netto and Jovita Correya (25 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary) Tommy White (Anniversary)	
Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> April <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	<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 Paddy McCartney Annie Kennedy (Anniversary) The People of the Parish	
Confessions: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm (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
Vitalija	Sandra and Mabel	Naomi	Fletcher and Maria
Nora	Rachel and Anne-Marie	Fallon	Udeme and John C.

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

*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: Bishop Patrick Leo McCartie, Frs. Hugh Griffith, Andrew Kenny, Oswald Joyce, Liam Bouchier, Benjamin Cox, Wilfrid Davenport, Desmond Donnelly and Peter Dennison, Deacon Peter Seeney, and also Esther Masterson, Thomas William White, Alfonso Pereira, Sheila Dempsey, Anne Teresa Delaney, Ellen Bolger, Peter Nottingham, Elisabeth Fitzgibbons and Gaspare Licata. 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.**

<p><b>The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Anne McDonagh. The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Shanie Aiken. Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Netta Dynes. St Joseph's Candle is burning this week for Berni Downes.</b></p>
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**Today is "Good Shepherd Sunday".** It is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations when we pray for Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. There will be the annual collection at Masses for the Clergy Training Fund which supports our seminarians and diaconate students.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation.** Next Saturday evening Canon Paul Fitzpatrick, the Episcopal Vicar for Coventry, Warwickshire and Oxfordshire, will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation during the 5.30 pm Mass. Please pray for the candidates for this Sacrament and for their families.

**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).

**A Year of Encounter** is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local election candidates. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) for more info, including online sessions on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, and Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May.

**An appeal for carpenters.** Now that our floor has been "done" we can look at a few smaller tasks. One is the state of the benches and kneelers. Is there anyone in the congregation who could fix our broken kneelers, please?

**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).

**Bingo Night** – proceeds in aid of the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship Oxford, Lourdes Pilgrimage. On Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, eyes down 8.00 pm, at the Headington Conservative Club, Windmill Road, Headington (OX3 7BZ). For more information email the secretary [macdon1@uwclub.net](mailto:macdon1@uwclub.net)

**Tailpiece:** (A story in honour of Tuesday's feast). Joe scored the winning goal for England in the last minute of the football world cup final. But in his heart he felt that he was offside. In the dressing room he confessed to his teammates, but they all assured him he was *not* offside. In church on Sunday he confessed to the priest who also assured him that he was *not* offside. Eventually Joe died. He got to the Pearly Gates where he confessed again. A voice said, "You were *not* offside." "But I'm sure I was," said Joe. The voice again reassured him. "You must take my word for it; it was a good goal. Now come into heaven, and welcome." "That's taken a great weight off my mind," said Joe. "Thank you, St. Peter." The voice interrupted, "Oh, I'm not St Peter; it's his day off. .... I'm St. George."

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