



Our Lady Help of Christians

Fifth Sunday of Easter

28th April, 2024

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Happy Eastertide, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Sunday, 28 th April Fifth Sunday of Easter	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)	Tommy White (Anniversary) Private Intention Paddy McCartney Annie Kennedy (Anniversary) Clementina Maria da Cunha & Augustino da Cunha		
Monday, 29 th April Feast of St. Catherine of Siena	7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Bernadette Cowley		
Tuesday, 30 th April	No Public Mass Today	Maryanne Borthwick (Get Well)		
Wednesday, 1 st May Optional Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish		
Thursday, 2 nd May Memorial of St. Athanasius	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Rosie Fido		
Friday, 3 rd May Feast of St. Philip and St. James, Apostles	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Igor Bogatirjov		
Saturday, 4 th May Feast of the English Martyrs	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Madeline Dandridge Joaquim Aleixo Rodrigues da Silva, Leonardo Araujo Mota, Sofia Noemia da Jesus Rodrigues		
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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
Nora	Rachel and Anne-Marie	This Weekend	Fallon	Udeme and John C.
Zoja	Anne and Robin	Next Weekend	Henry	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 Gillian Phipps and Bryan Styles who died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Frs. Peter Cooney, Peter Heath, Thomas William O'Connor and David Duggan, Deacon James Fantham, and also Anne Kennedy, John Gingell, Igor Bogatirjov and Maureen Hinken. 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 Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Annie Kennedy.
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Tatiana & Andre Chavagnon.
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Jean Hinchon (Birthday).
St Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Young Parishioners starting exams.

First Friday. This Friday is the First of the month. Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart will be said before Mass.

May is the Month of Our Lady. Perhaps this could be the month when you make praying the Rosary a regular part of your daily prayers.

Forthcoming Attractions

Thank you to the parishioners who have discussed with me several possible events for our community, including:

1. **An Interactive Quiz.** It's much more interesting than you may be thinking. It will include having to identify different wines (after tasting!) and cheeses (ditto!). Put the date in your diary: Saturday, 18th May, after the evening Mass. Entrance fee: £5 on the door.
2. **First Holy Communions,** 12.00 pm Saturday, 25th May.
3. **A Parish Day Out** to Bournemouth during the Half-term school holiday at the end of May, which should be great for families. Further details to follow.
4. **A Parish Party.** It will be my Ruby Anniversary of Ordination at the start of August, and I should like to invite you all to celebrate with me on Sunday, 4th August, after the 11.00 Mass. Further details to come.
5. **A trip to the National Memorial Arboretum** in Staffordshire towards the end of September.
6. **Breakfast with Santa,** Sunday 15th December. A fundraising event coupled with a social occasion.



TWO NEW BISHOPS TO ASSIST ARCHBISHOP BERNARD
Pope Francis has appointed Mgr Timothy Menezes (right), Dean of St Chad's Cathedral, and Canon Richard Walker (left), Vicar General, to be new Auxiliary Bishops to serve our Archdiocese.

Congratulations to the members of our community who received the Sacrament of Confirmation here this weekend, and thank you to everyone who helped to make it a special occasion for us all.

An appeal for carpenters. Is there anyone in the congregation who could fix our broken kneelers, please?

My Day by Day booklets. The May edition is now available in the porch (£1).

Day Of Prayer For Victims And Survivors Of Abuse, Tuesday, 30th April. If you have experienced abuse and would like to speak to someone about this please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding team (0121 230 6240, safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk)

Tailpiece. A Parish Priest once vetoed a request from the Parish Council for a chandelier in the church. He explained, "I would have to write the order for it and I can't spell the word, and furthermore we have no one in the parish who can play it."

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