



Our Lady Help of Christians

Sixth Sunday of Easter

5th May, 2024

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Sunday, 5 th May Sixth Sunday of Easter	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass <i>7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> <i>9.00 am Syro-Malabar Community Mass</i> <i>(9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)</i> 11.00 am Mass <i>(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Joaquim Aleixo Rodrigues da Silva,</i> <i>Leonardo Araujo Mota, and</i> <i>Sofia Noemia da Jesus Rodrigues</i> <i>Private Intention</i> <i>Lisa O'Brien</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i> <i>Menino Pereira</i>
Monday, 6 th May	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> 10.00 am Mass	<i>Sr. Maria's Intentions</i>
Tuesday, 7 th May	No Public Mass Today	<i>Anne Christine O'Flanagan (Anniv.)</i>
Wednesday, 8 th May	No Public Mass Today	<i>Clare and Robert Curtis</i>
Thursday, 9 th May Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> 9.15 am Mass <i>(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Michael Iagoe</i> <i>Paddy Summerfield</i>
Friday, 10 th May <i>Op. Mem. of St. John of Avila,</i> <i>Priest</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> <i>6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction</i> 7.00 pm Mass	<i>Mena Rhodes (Anniversary)</i>
Saturday, 11 th May	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> <i>(10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	<i>Fernando Neves Liu & Luzia Pereira</i> <i>Lobato</i> <i>In Thanksgiving</i>
Sunday, 12 th May Seventh Sunday of Easter <i>World Communications Day</i>	<i>7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> <i>9.00 am Syro-Malabar Community Mass</i> <i>(9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)</i> 11.00 am Mass <i>(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Private Intention</i> <i>Cecilia Michael</i> <i>R.K. Joshi</i> <i>Jack Doherty</i>

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
Zoja	Anne and Robin	This Weekend	Henry	Udeme and John C.
Agnes	Asha and Sandra	Next Weekend	Ann	Ellie and Ella

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

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: Bishop Joseph Gray, Canons Bernard Hurrill and Francis Woodward, Frs. Michael Byrne, James Dutton, Donal O'Connor, Francis Carr, Walter Joseph Joret and Patrick Cocklin, Deacon James Duffy, and also Frank Treacy, Robert Curtis, Michael Iagoe and Ivor Bridgewater. May they rest in peace.

Prayer at the end of Mass during Eastertide:

*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 a Special Intention (Ugwu).
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Clare and Robert Curtis.**

Holiday of Obligation. Next Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven. All Catholics should make an effort to attend Mass. At Our Lady's there will be Mass at 9.15 am.

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.

Contactless Payments.

*Take my silver and my gold.
Not a mite would I withhold.
But as times are rather hard,
Please accept my Barclaycard.*

(Other banks are available).

Our new machine is open for business to allow you to make donations to the collection even if you don't carry cash. Members of the Parish Finance Committee will be available in the Don Bosco Centre after Mass today to show you how it works. (It's very easy!)

The Divine Mercy Apostolate is holding a Reflection on Saturday 25th May, 1.00 pm to 4.30 pm at *St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 115 Headley Way, Headington, Oxford, OX3 7SS*. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957 594 646 for more information

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.



Missio Red Boxes. If you have a Red Box, could you please bring it in to be emptied by Sunday, 19th May. You can leave boxes in the Sacristy or give them directly to me. Thank you. If you

would like to know more about Missio Red Boxes please speak to Sandra Cromey.

Next Sunday is World Communications Day, reflecting on how we can use AI for good. There will be a second collection for the work of Catholic Communications.

PARISH DAY TRIP TO BOURNEMOUTH Wednesday, 29th May (Half Term)



The coach will leave from Our Lady's at 10.00 am and return at about 7.00 pm.

Price: Adults £20, children £10.

Please sign the list in the porch (children must be accompanied by an adult).

So what's at Bournemouth? Nestled in a sheltered bay on the South Coast of England there are plenty of things to do in Bournemouth and seven miles of sandy beaches for you to enjoy. There are places to eat, museums, galleries, amusement arcades, a climbing centre, beach-to-shore zip-wire, mini golf, play parks and an oceanarium

This is a good way to get to know one another as a parish community and to enjoy ourselves.

Tailpiece. An atheist went to a boxing match and found that he was sitting next to a priest. At the start of the fight one contestant came out making the Sign of the Cross. "Do you believe that does any good?" asked the atheist. "Not if he can't box it doesn't," replied the priest.

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