



# Our Lady Help of Christians

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

12<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

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Elizabeth Moran who can be contacted at [sg.olhoc.oxford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.olhoc.oxford@rcaob.org.uk) or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

Sunday, 12 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> World Communications Day	<b>5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass</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)	In Thanksgiving  Private Intention Cecilia Michael R.K. Joshi Jack Doherty		
Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May Op. Mem. of Our Lady of Fatima	<b>7.00 am Mass</b> 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Special Intention (Donald)		
Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> May Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>9.15 am Mass, followed by the Rosary</b>	Nossa Senhora de Fatima		
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> May	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish		
Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> May	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Peter		
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	Judy Benson		
Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May Op. Memorial of St. John I, Pope, Martyr	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>	Lis Fitzgibbons Sonny Higgins		
Sunday, 19 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Solemnity of Pentecost</b> Day of Prayer for the Church	<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 Tom Hiceta Carlotta da Costa In Thanksgiving (Ercia & Family)		
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
Agnes	Asha and Sandra	<b>This Weekend</b>	Ann	Ellie and Ella
Henry	Mabel and Rachel	<b>Next Weekend</b>	Naomi and Fallon	Sandra

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

Today is World Communications Day, and the theme is to explore how we can use AI for good. There will be a second collection today for the work of Catholic Communications.

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>

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**Please pray for the sick, especially those we know:** Josie Griffiths, Keelin Trahearne, Claudino Serra Vaz, Claire French, John Pill, Aven 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. Cathal Cassidy and Denis Hickling, Sr. Georgina McPake FMA, and also Gejjo Masih, Mary Frances O'Hara, Monica Pope, Margaret Boyle, Jerzy Dybalski, Michael Joseph (Joe) McLoughlin and Dorothy Aveyard. 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 Carmel McMahon (Birthday).  
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for R. K. Joshi.**

**Pentecost Sunday.** Next weekend we shall celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, the "birthday of the Church" – when the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles and made one community out of the different peoples of the earth. In our community here at Our Lady's we have people from many nationalities. If you would like to read one of the Readings or a Bidding Prayer in your own language please come and have a chat with me.

### **An Interactive Quiz**

**Next Saturday after the 5.30 evening Mass.**

*Fun for all the family. It's much more interesting than you may be thinking. It will include having to identify different wines (after tasting!) and cheeses (ditto!). Entrance fee: £5 per family on the door. A £20 M&S voucher to the winning family.*

**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. You can find it near to the door from the church into the Don Bosco Centre. (It's very easy to use!)

**Easter Duties.** The Easter Season, which began on Easter Sunday, ends after Evening Prayer on Pentecost Sunday, next Sunday. Don't forget 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.



**Missio Red Boxes.** If you have a Red Box, could you please bring it in to be emptied by Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **PARISH DAY TRIP TO BOURNEMOUTH Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May (Half Term)**



The coach will leave 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).**

Nestled in a sheltered bay on the South Coast of England there are 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.

**The Divine Mercy Apostolate** is holding a Reflection on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**First Holy Communions.** Please pray for the children of our parish who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time, on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> May at 12.00 noon.

**Tailpiece:** A fervent prayer group were praying for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit and a revival in their parish. "O Lord, set this place on fire," prayed one man, earnestly. Another man, kneeling further down the line, muttered, "I'm in for a thin time if He answers that one!" He was an insurance agent.

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