



Our Lady Help of Christians

Solemnity of Pentecost

19th May, 2024

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Sunday, 19 th May Solemnity of Pentecost Day of Prayer for the Church	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)	Sonny Higgins Private Intention Tom Hiceta Carlotta da Costa In Thanksgiving (Ercia & Family)
Monday, 20 th May Mem. of Mary, Mother of the Church	7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Konrad Mihailov
Tuesday, 21 st May Op. Mem. of St. Christopher Magallanes & Comps, Martyrs	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Marcus de Assis (6-month Anniv.)
Wednesday, 22 nd May Op. Memorial of St. Rita of Cascia	No Public Mass Today	Antonio Pereira
Thursday, 23 rd May Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Veronica Maddan
Friday, 24 th May Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass 7.00 pm Mass	Teodorico de Souza Jaffe Babo (Get Well)
Saturday, 25 th May Mem. of St. Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 12.00 noon Mass & First Holy Communion 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	The Children/People of the Parish The Children/People of the Parish Peter Cox (Anniversary)
Sunday, 26 th May Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	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)	Private Intention Peter Villar Camilo de Souza (Birthday) Cosme Ximenes, Alebina Xilly

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
Henry	Mabel and Rachel	This Weekend	Naomi and Fallon	Sandra
Bernadette	Anne-Marie and Anne	Next Weekend	Fletcher and Maria	Nalini

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

Today is Pentecost Sunday. The Easter Season, which began on Easter Sunday, ends this evening.

Thank you to everyone who has helped to make it a special time in the life of our parish.

Liturgical Year. Tomorrow we return to Ordinary Time and the cycle of weekday readings resumes at the 7th Week in Year II. The Sunday readings will be for Year B. If you pray the Divine Office, we begin tomorrow with Psalter Week 3.

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This Friday, 24th May, is the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians, our Patronal Feast Day. There will be Mass at 9.15 am in the morning, which will be attended by the children from Our Lady's School. There will be special refreshments in the Don Bosco Centre after Mass. There will also be Mass at 7.00 in the evening.

*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 from your home go to:

<https://www.mcn.live/Camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>

Please pray for the sick, especially those we know: Josie Griffiths, Keelin Trahearne, Claudino Serra Vaz, Claire French, John Pill, Aven Kavanagh, Doreen Cox, Betty Duff, Beatrice Upham, Thomas Gaughan, Jean Carpenter, Cheryl Jones, and Inna.

Please pray for Iris Kathleen O'Brien who died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mgr. John Humphreys, Mgr. Wilfrid Moore, Canon Wilfrid Smith, Frs. Joseph Griffin, Ernest Cook, William Lyons, Anthony Davies, Thomas Foyne, Michael McKenna and Patrick Taylor, and also Dorothy Aveyard, Peter Cox, Patrick Joseph Hannon, Konrad Mihailov, Jane Hannah Boyce, Dircia Da Conceicao Pedro and Benjamin Curtis. 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 all those receiving their First Holy Communion.
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for our Parish family.

Remember, if you have not yet made your Easter Duties you have only until next Sunday to do so.

The Catholic maritime charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is very grateful for this parish's prayer and financial support of its work on Sea Sunday last year. It invites parishioners to join an [online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday 28th May from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm](#). Its CEO and chaplains will share inspiring stories of how they have helped seafarers and fishers through your support. To register for this event, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024

Could you be a seed of hope? Today we start *Laudato Si* week, and the Archdiocese of Birmingham is inviting enthusiastic individuals to create a network of **Environment Champions**. Your mission would be to be a channel of communication between the Archdiocese and your parish, to promote Care of Creation and to enthuse others to help in responding to Pope Francis' call in *Laudato Si* to a spirituality which supports an ecological conversion. You will receive the full support of the Care for Creation Committee as part of the diocesan effort to act as stewards of creation. <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/seedofhope>

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.

Parish Day Trip To Bournemouth.

Wednesday, 29th May (Half Term)

The coach is now full. If you wish to join us please come and speak to me in case there are cancellations. The coach will leave Our Lady's at 10.00 am and return at about 7.00 pm.



Missio Red Boxes. If you have a Red Box, could you please bring it in to be emptied by this weekend. 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.

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

Contactless Payments. 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 St. Patrick's statue and it is very easy to use.

Tailpiece: Humility is an important virtue. A girl was asked in school to write about her personal hero. Her father was flattered to discover that she had chosen him. "Why me?" he asked. "Because I couldn't spell Arnold Schwarzenegger," she replied.

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