



Our Lady Help of Christians

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

2nd June, 2024

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<p>Sunday, 2nd June Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</p>	<p>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)</p> <p>11.00 am Mass (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</p>	<p>Josie O'Connor (Anniversary)</p> <p>Private Intention Luzia Pereira Lobato, Fernando Nevis Liu, Eugenia Lobato Marjorie Chungtuyco (Anniv.) Fernanda, Fernando & Lucioano Amaral & Deonizo da Costa</p>	
<p>Monday, 3rd June Mem. of Ss. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs</p>	<p>7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</p>	<p>The Salesian Sisters</p>	
<p>Tuesday, 4th June</p>	<p>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Good Shepherd Mass</p>	<p>Fr. Hudson's Care</p>	
<p>Wednesday, 5th June Mem. of St. Boniface, Martyr</p>	<p>No Public Mass Today</p>	<p>The People of the Parish</p>	
<p>Thursday, 6th June Op. Mem. of St. Norbert, Bishop</p>	<p>6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's</p>	<p>Katherine Raj</p>	
<p>Friday, 7th June Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</p>	<p>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</p>	<p>Carlotta Maria da Costa</p>	
<p>Saturday, 8th June Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary</p>	<p>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 12.30 pm Baptism 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday</p>	<p>John Walsh & Maria Durkin Leo Ostrowski Isabel Honai & Delvi Manuel Fernandes</p>	
<p>Sunday, 9th June Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>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)</p>	<p>Private Intention Cecilia Michael Kathryn Allsworth (Birthday) Manuel Salsima & Madelena Salsima</p>	
<p>Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm. (Confessions at Sacred Heart: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm; Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am)</p>			
<p>Saturday 5.30 pm Eucharistic Ministers</p>	<p>Sunday 11.00 am Eucharistic Ministers</p>	<p>Saturday 5.30 pm Readers</p>	<p>Sunday 11.00 am Readers</p>
<p>Josie</p>	<p>Robin and Asha</p>	<p>This Weekend Ann</p>	<p>Sandra</p>
<p>Jackie</p>	<p>Sandra and Mabel</p>	<p>Next Weekend Doris</p>	<p>Nalini</p>

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.

Today we are celebrating the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, The Body of Christ.

Congratulations to Amelie and Nathan who will be receiving Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time at the 11.00 am Mass this weekend.

*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, Aveen Kavanagh, Doreen Cox, Betty Duff, Beatrice Upham, Thomas Gaughan, Jean Carpenter, Nicky Clark, Cheryl Jones, and Inna.

Please pray for Iris Kathleen O'Brien who died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Bishop James Dey, Canon Harry Bouchier, Frs. John Avery Lane, Benedict Tarbuck, John Crean and Peter Gallagher, Sr. Rose Cavanagh FMA, and also Angelique Moona, Maria Keady, Kathleen O'Malley, Simon Boyd and Patrick McLoughlin. May they rest in peace. There will be a funeral service for Iris at Headington Cemetery Chapel at 11.00 am on Tuesday, 11th June.

Prayer at the end of Mass:

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! *Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Eilis Kirwan (Get Well).

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for the Intentions of the Barry Family.

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Priests and Vocations.

St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for Mary Louise and Family.

St Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Jackie Murdoch.

The Flowers on the altar are sponsored this week in memory of Marjorie Chungtuyco (Anniversary).

NOTE: This Friday is the Feast of the Sacred Heart – the patronal feast day of Sacred Heart Parish. Just for this week, therefore, the 7.00 evening Mass on that day will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church. Instead, there will be Mass at 7.00 pm here at Our Lady's on Thursday evening.

Good Shepherd Mass. Tuesday, 10.00 am. Each Lent school children all over the Archdiocese raise money for Fr. Hudson's Care. Each year, at the end of the appeal, there is a celebration of Mass at several churches across the Archdiocese. We have been given the honour of hosting the Mass in this area. Children from many schools will be here, and Our Lady's School will have a leading role. Please join us if you can.

My Day By Day Book. The June edition is now available at the back of church (price £1).

General Election. St. Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see www.cafod.org.uk/encounter or www.svp.org.uk/encounter for more information. The Bishops' Conference have created a webpage on their website with information about the issues important to Catholics. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

Missio Red Boxes. Thank you to everyone who brought in their Red Boxes. They have now been emptied and are ready to be collected from the back of the church. Thank you for your support for the missionary work of the Church.

Cake Sale. Thanks to the Salesian Cooperators who will be selling cakes in the Don Bosco Centre after Masses this weekend. Proceeds will go to the Parish.

Parish Health and Safety Officer. We are looking for a volunteer to make sure that our church and grounds are safe places for everyone. If you would like more details please come and ask me.

Readers at Mass. Thank you to all our readers for taking part in proclaiming the Word of God. If anyone would like to be a reader, please speak to me, or contact Geraldine, the parish secretary, at olhoc.oxford@rcaob.org.uk or 01865770910. Thank you.

Corpus Christi Procession today, 2nd June, starting from the Oxford Oratory at 2.30 pm, going first to Blackfriars for a sermon and ending with Benediction at the University Chaplaincy. All are welcome.

The Oxford Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order: Day of Recollection, Saturday 15th June, 10.00 – 4.00, at the Mornese Centre, Elmthorpe Covent, on the theme of God's Extravagant Love – the witness of St. Francis and St. Clare. There will be talks, Mass, and time for reflection and prayer. Tea and coffee will be available but please bring a packed lunch. All welcome.

Tailpiece: Overheard in a department store; one exhausted husband to another: "Do you ever wonder how many fig leaves Eve tried on before she said, 'I'll take this one'?"

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