



Our Lady Help of Christians

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd June, 2024

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Sunday, 23 rd June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 11.00 am Mass (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Bridget White (Anniversary) Nancy McDonnell Azad & Ruth (Wedding Anniversary) The People of the Parish
Monday, 24 th June <i>Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist</i>	7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Robin
Tuesday, 25 th June	7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Agapito da Fonseca
Wednesday, 26 th June	No Public Mass Today	Dermot & Josephine McMahon
Thursday, 27 th June <i>Op. Mem. of St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop</i>	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Fiona Fraser
Friday, 28 th June <i>Memorial of St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Joy Dewey
Saturday, 29 th June	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) (11.00 am Baptism at Sacred Heart) 1.00 pm Nuptial Mass 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Filomena Maria de Jesus Goncalves & Lourdes Vaticana Goncalves Pires Bernadette Crummie & Raymond Clement Raden Toton Kiemdarto
Sunday, 30 th June Solemnity of St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 11.00 am Mass (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Frank Benson Kamugisha Marian Nyambura (1 st Anniversary) The People of the Parish

Confessions: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm.
(Confessions at Sacred Heart: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm)

Saturday 5.30 pm Eucharistic Ministers	Sunday 11.00 am Eucharistic Ministers		Saturday 5.30 pm Readers	Sunday 11.00 am Readers
Vitalija	Anne and Robin	This Weekend	Henry	John
Nora	Asha and Sandra	Next Weekend	Naomi	Ella and Ellie

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.

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.

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 Clarke, Cheryl Jones, Mary Cross, and Inna.

Please pray for John Boyle and Ken Elliot who died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Frs. John Bradley, George Grynowski and John Joseph McMorrow, Deacon Ralph Watkins, and also Pearl Flanagan, Bridget (Delia) White, Maddalena (Lena) Puma, Thomas Martin Ghee and Ron Jones. May they rest in peace.

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 John Boyle RIP.
St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for World Peace.
St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Kath and John Pill (Intentions).**

Next Sunday we shall celebrate the Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul. There will be the annual collection for Peter's Pence, our national gift as Catholics to the Pope to assist his apostolic work.

Fr. Harry's Ruby (40th) Anniversary.

On Sunday, 4th August, I shall be celebrating the anniversary of my Ordination, and since it is a significant number and it also happens to fall on a Sunday, I should like to make it an occasion for both Our Lady's Parish and also Sacred Heart Parish to enjoy it with me.

On the Saturday, 3rd August, there will be a fun day at Sacred Heart, 11.30-3.00 - all are welcome to eat, drink, play games - bouncy castle, football, garden games, music, international dancing, food, people of the parishes to provide.

On Sunday 4th August, there will be Mass at Our Lady's for both parishes at 10.00 am, followed by a reception in the hall and carpark.

If you have suggestions or would like to help: for the Saturday, please contact Reena at sacredheart.oxford@rcaob.org.uk; for the Sunday, please contact Geraldine at olhloc.oxford@rcaob.org.uk

Does anyone have a marquee we could use in the carpark on the Sunday, please?

Consent Forms for Livestreaming. If you are a reader (or a parent of a reader under the age of 16), an altar server (or a parent of an altar server under the age of 16), or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at Mass, and you have not already completed a form to say that you have no objections to appearing on the church's livestreaming service, please collect one from me and fill it in. Thank you for your co-operation.

My Day by Day Book for July is now available at the back of church (price £1).

Salesian Cooperators' Meeting in the Mornese Centre at Elmthorpe Convent this Thursday, 27th June, 7.00 pm. Attending the meeting will be Sr. Eileen Foley FMA, the new Provincial Council Delegate. Contact Chris Baker 01865 770102 for more information. All are welcome.

Welcome to Loic Rohn Luis da Costa who became a member of the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. Please pray for him and his family.

The St. John Fisher Primary School Summer Fayre will be on Saturday 6th July from 12.00 - 3:00 on the school field and will have a wide range of activities including a gladiator duel, and will feature a special guest appearance from Olly the Ox.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes Hednesford, Staffs, Sunday 7th July.

- 1 pm Refreshments available in hall.
- 2.15 - 3.45 pm - Confessions.
- 3 pm Rosary.
- 4 pm Mass & Sacrament of the Sick - Celebrant Archbishop Bernard

Please bring your own chairs

For further information contact: Fr Jeremy Howard, 07868 542268 or fr.jeremy.howard@rcaob.org.uk

Cake Sale. Next weekend there will be a cake sale in the Don Bosco Centre, courtesy of the Salesian Cooperators, to raise funds for the Salesian Sisters Missions.

Adoremus Eucharistic Congress at Oscott College, B73 5AA, on Saturday, 14th September. There are some details on the Bishops' Conference website. Five delegates from each Deanery have been invited to attend. If you would like to attend this national event, please let me know, and also contact Canon Mervyn, the Dean, at corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk asap.

Tailpiece: A poster seen in a church in France (translated):

“When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear ‘the call of God’. However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving.”

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