



Our Lady Help of Christians

Solemnity of St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles

30th June, 2024

Fr. Harry Curtis, Parish Priest

(Also serving Sacred Heart, Blackbird Leys)

Parish Secretary (also Giving and Gift Aid): Geraldine Griffin

Safeguarding Officer: Elizabeth Moran, sg.olhoc.oxford@rcaob.org.uk

The Presbytery, 59 Hollow Way, Cowley, Oxford, OX4 2ND.

Telephone: 01865 770 910 Email: olhoc.oxford@rcaob.org.uk

Website: www.olhoccoxley.co.uk (a copy of this newsletter can be found on our website)

This church live streams Mass and other events. Please see notice in church porch for more details.

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

Sunday, 30th June Solemnity of St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles	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)	Raden Toton Kiemdarto Frank Benson Kamugisha Marian Nyambura (1 st Anniversary) The People of the Parish
Monday, 1 st July <i>Op. Mem. of St. Oliver Plunket, Martyr</i>	7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Peter Rhodes (Anniversary)
Tuesday, 2 nd July	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Stephen N. Borg
Wednesday, 3 rd July <i>Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle</i>	No Public Mass Today	John Barrett
Thursday, 4 th July <i>Op. Mem. of St. Elizabeth of Portugal</i>	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Patricia Edmonds
Friday, 5 th July <i>Mem. of Bl. George Nichols & Companions, Martyrs</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Dermot & Josephine McMahon
Saturday, 6 th July <i>Op. Mem. of St. Maria Goretti, Martyr</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Martinho Lopes Soares Christian
Sunday, 7 th July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	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)	Teresa Monteiro & Mariana Monteiro Margaret Funnell (Get Well) The People of the Parish
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
Nora	Asha and Sandra	This Weekend	Naomi	Ella and Ellie
Zoja	Mabel and Rachel	Next Weekend	Doris	Fletcher and Maria

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.

Today we 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.

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Elizabeth Moran who can be contacted at sg.olhoc.oxford@rcaob.org.uk or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

*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 those who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Patrick Corrigan, Canon Francis Dudley, Frs. John Darley, William O'Malley, Michael Cullinan and Leonard (Leo) Johannes Joppe, and also 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 Nathan Birch (Intentions).
St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for Lisa, Jessica and April (Intentions).
St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for our Parish.**

Happy Feast Day to the members of the Syro-Malabar community. Wednesday, 3rd July, is the feast of St. Thomas who is recognized as the founder of the Church of the Syro-Malabar Christians, or Christians of St. Thomas. The celebrations begin this weekend and finish next weekend.

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 Sacred Heart Parish to enjoy.

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 olhoc.oxford@rcaob.org.uk

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

There will be a meeting next Saturday after the 5.30 Mass for anyone who would like to be part of the celebrations on the Sunday.

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.

Marriage. Congratulations to Bernadette and Raymond Clement who were married here this weekend. May God bless them in their life together.

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

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. Five delegates from each Deanery have been invited to attend. If you would like to be our delegate, contact Canon Mervyn, the Dean, at corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk

Oxford Pro-Life Rosary Witness. On Saturday, 6th July all pro-lifers are warmly invited to recite the Rosary for the end of abortion and in defence of life. Meet outside the Clarendon Building, 48 Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3AZ, 12.00 noon. Or join us after for a drink. For more ask Honor Roberts at honorroberts@hotmail.com

First Friday. This Friday is the first of the month and we shall say the Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart.

Piety Shop. For many years John Pill has run our Piety Shop – ordering and selling religious articles. Even in the last few years when his health has not been good he has continued to provide this service for us all. Sadly, it will no longer allow him to carry on and he is stepping down from this role. We all owe him a great debt of thanks. Please pray for him and for Kath.

Tailpiece: The Sports Editor of a local newspaper was sent to report on a football match between the Catenians and the Freemasons. Unfortunately, he was not allowed to tell anyone the score because it was a secret.

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