



Our Lady Help of Christians

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st July, 2024

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<p>Sunday, 21st July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</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) 11.00 am Mass 1.00 pm Baptism (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</p>	<p><i>Kath (Intentions) and John RIP</i> <i>Private Intention</i> <i>Jim Maguire</i> <i>Danny Lyons (Anniversary)</i> <i>Xabien Nevers</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i></p>
<p>Monday, 22nd July <i>Feast of St. Mary Magdalene</i></p>	<p>7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Leavers' Mass at Sacred Heart)</p>	<p><i>Camilo & Maria (Wed. Ann.)</i> <i>Leavers and their families</i></p>
<p>Tuesday, 23rd July <i>Feast of St. Bridget of Sweden, Day of Prayer for Europe</i></p>	<p>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass</p>	<p><i>Patrick Bailey</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, 24th July <i>Op. Mem. of St. Sharbel Makhluf</i></p>	<p>No Public Mass Today</p>	<p><i>Dermot & Josephine McMahon</i></p>
<p>Thursday, 25th July <i>Feast of St. James, Apostle</i></p>	<p>(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</p>	<p><i>Johanna Berg (Birthday)</i></p>
<p>Friday, 26th July <i>Mem. of St. Joachim & St. Anne</i></p>	<p>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass</p>	<p><i>Claire French (Birthday)</i></p>
<p>Saturday, 27th July <i>Mem. of Bl. Robert Sutton, Martyr</i></p>	<p>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 12.00 noon Baptism 3.00 pm Baptism 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday</p>	<p><i>Veronica Robbins</i> <i>Valenya Rose</i> <i>Novenia</i> <i>Maria Isabel Tchong & Lidia</i> <i>Conceicao Lei</i></p>
<p>Sunday, 28th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly</i></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><i>Private Intention</i> <i>Gabriela Monteiro & Cancio Da Costa</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i> <i>Tarcisio Jeronimo Andrade Babo</i></p>

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	Robin and Asha	This Weekend	Fallon	Sandra
Bernadette	Sandra and Mabel	Next Weekend	Henry	Nalini

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.

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, Aveen Kavanagh, Doreen Cox, Betty Duff, Beatrice Upham, Thomas Gaughan, Jean Carpenter, Nicky Clarke, Cheryl Jones, Mary Cross, and Inna.

Please pray for John Pill, Kitty Healy, Kathleen Candlish, Tommy Campbell and all who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgr. Peter Joseph Ryall, Frs. Albert Leo Kelly, Anthony Owen, Euan Henderson, Joseph Tynan, Denis O'Shea and Basil Wrighton, Deacons Frank Lockett and Ernie Titchmarsh, and also Danny Lyons, Margaret McHugh, Noreen Griffin, Valerie (Val) Griffiths, Maureen Ann McEneaney, Sheila Anne Kelly, Joseph Costa, George Hiran, Padma Don, Richard Bolton, Jenny Doherty, Bernadette Nolan and Maria Mirto. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. 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 Claire French.
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Kathleen Yuda (ill).
St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Vocations to the Priesthood.**

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

On Sunday, 4th August, I shall be celebrating the anniversary of my Ordination, and I want to make it an occasion for both Our Lady's and Sacred Heart to enjoy.



On 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, national 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. All welcome.

There is a list at the back of church where you can sign up to volunteer to help in various ways. Please do.

School Holidays: As the schools close for the summer, we wish children and staff an enjoyable and safe holiday.

Church Cleaners needed. If you can/would like to join the team of wonderful parishioners who keep our church clean please speak to me. It would be for an hour a month, usually on a Tuesday morning after Mass, but other times could be arranged. Thank you.

Invitation from Youth 2000. Our annual Youth 2000 Summer Festival will take place from **Friday 23rd - Monday 26th August** in the beautiful surroundings of Ampleforth Abbey, North Yorkshire. This festival is an opportunity for young people (aged 16-35) from across the UK to grow in their relationship with God, form friendships and be inspired to live out their faith! For further information please email events@youth2000.org

Next Sunday is the **World Day for Grandparents and Elderly** as this is the closest Sunday to the memorial of Jesus' grandparents, Ss Joachim and Ann (July 26th). It would be a good day to visit grandparents and older people who are alone. This year's theme, "Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf. Ps 71: 9), recalls the heartfelt plea to the Lord not to be left alone in old age.

Congratulations to our new Auxiliary Bishops, Timothy Menezes and Richard Walker; and also to Fr. David Bench who was ordained to the Priesthood; and to Andrew Foster, Andrej Rusnak and Antony Hartley who were ordained to the Permanent Diaconate.



At the end of the Ordinations on Tuesday the Archbishop announced that Bishop Richard (on the right) will be the Bishop with responsibility for our area.

Tailpiece:

Question: What did Jonah do for three days while he was in the belly of the big fish?

Answer: He sang, of course. Everyone sings in Wales.

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