



# Our Lady Help of Christians

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2024

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| Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> July<br><b>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br><i>World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly</i>                          | <b>5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass</b><br><br>7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer<br>9.00 am Syro-Malabar Community Mass<br>(9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)<br><b>11.00 am Mass</b><br>(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart) | Maria Isabel Tchong & Lidia Conceicao Lei<br><br>Private Intention<br>Gabriela Monteiro & Cancio Da Costa<br>The People of the Parish<br>Tarcisio Jeronimo Andrade Babo |
| Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> July<br><i>Memorial of Ss. Martha, Mary and Lazarus</i>  | <b>7.00 am Mass</b><br>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer   | Sydney Da Cunha (Month Mind)  |
| Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> July<br><i>Op. Mem. of St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop</i>  | 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer<br><b>9.15 am Mass</b>   | Sr. Maria (50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  |
| Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> July<br><i>Mem. of St. Ignatius of Loyola</i>   | <b>No Public Mass Today</b>  | Dermot and Josephine McMahon  |
| Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> August<br><i>Mem. of St. Alphonsus Mary de'Ligouri, Bishop</i>  | (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)   | Special Intention   |
| Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> August<br><i>Op. Mem. of St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop, or of St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest</i><br>First Friday of the Month | 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer<br><b>10.45 am Funeral Service</b><br>6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction<br><b>5.00 pm Mass</b><br><b>7.00 pm Mass</b>   | Kathleen Candlish<br><br>Carlito Balela Fatima<br>John White (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  |
| Saturday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> August  | 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer<br><b>10.00 am Mass with the blessing of an engaged couple</b><br><b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>   | Arul & San John<br><br>The Salesian Sisters   |
| Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> August<br><b>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>   | 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer<br><b>10.00 am Mass</b><br>(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)  | In Thanksgiving (Fr. Harry)<br>Angel and Lourdes Antonio  |

Confessions: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm.

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

| Saturday 5.30 pm<br>Eucharistic Ministers | Sunday 11.00 am<br>Eucharistic Ministers | Saturday 5.30 pm<br>Readers | Sunday 11.00 am<br>Readers |
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| Bernadette                                | Sandra and Mabel                         | Henry                       | Nalini                     |
| Josie                                     | Rachel & Anne-Marie                      | Michelle                    | Sandra                     |

**Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today, especially if you are visiting.**

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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.*

## ***NEXT SUNDAY THE MORNING MASS AT OUR LADY'S CHURCH WILL BE AT 10.00, FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION IN THE HALL AND CARPARK***

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

Please pray for **John Pill, Kitty Healy, Kathleen Candlish, Tommy Campbell, Ellen Kelly** and all who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Canon Arthur Diamond, Fr. Thomas Michael Duffy, and also Abie Doherty, Douglas Rothery, Mrs Doreen Reilly, Tony Reilly and Nora Griffin. 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 John Pill RIP.  
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for parishioners who are going away on holiday.  
St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Vocations to the Priesthood.**

### **Fr. Harry's Ruby (40<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary.**

Next Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Next Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August**, there will be Mass at Our Lady's for both parishes at 10.00 am, followed by a reception in the hall. 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.

**Please note that next Sunday the carpark will not be available for parking. Drop-offs, but please park at the convent or on the streets (not Salegate Lane). Servers, please get here for a practice at 9.30 am.**

**Church Cleaners needed.** If you can/would like to join the team please speak to me. **A few people kindly agreed to join the cleaning teams last week, but I haven't got their contact details. Please drop me an email.** Thank you.

**John Pill RIP.** The funeral Mass for John will be here at Our Lady's on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> August, at 11.00 am.

**My Day By Day.** The August edition is available at the back of the church (£1).

**Today 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 26<sup>th</sup>). 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.

**Tailpiece:** As we begin the holiday season here is a rhyme on a 200-year-old stone in a country cemetery:

*If your nose is close to the grindstone  
And you hold it there long enough,  
In time you'll say there's no such thing  
As brooks that babble and birds that sing.  
These three will all your world compose  
Just you, the stone and your poor old nose.*

**May God bless you and all those whom you love.  
If you are going away, have a lovely time.  
Fr. Harry**