



# Our Lady Help of Christians

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 4<sup>th</sup> August, 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](mailto: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](mailto:olhoc.oxford@rcaob.org.uk)

Website: [www.olhoccowley.co.uk](http://www.olhoccowley.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, 4 <sup>th</sup> August <b>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass</b> 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>10.00 am Mass</b> (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	The Salesian Sisters  In Thanksgiving (Fr. Harry) Angel and Lourdes Antonio	
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Op. Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>11.00 am Requiem Mass</b>	John Pill	
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>9.15 am Mass</b>	Raden Toton Kiemdarto	
Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Op. Mems. of St. Sixtus II, Pope, &amp; Comps, Martyrs, or of St. Cajetan, Priest</i>	<b>No Public Mass Today</b>	Jennifer White (Birthday)	
Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest</i>	<b>No Public Mass Today</b>	The People of the Parish	
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Feast of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, (Edith Stein), Martyr, Patron of Europe</i>	<b>No Public Mass Today</b>	Fr. David Lloyd	
Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon</i>	<b>2.00 pm Mass</b> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>	Daiva's Intentions The People of the Parish	
Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> August <b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Syro-Malabar Community Mass (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>11.00 am Mass</b> (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Private Intention Michael Cullen Josephine Mary Whiston Deacon John Higgins	
<b>Saturday 5.30 pm Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Sunday 11.00 am Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Saturday 5.30 pm Readers</b>	<b>Sunday 11.00 am Readers</b>
Josie	Rachel and Anne-Marie	Michelle	Sandra and Kylla
Jackie	Anne and Robin	Ann	Michelle

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

*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](mailto:sg.olhoc.oxford@rcaob.org.uk) or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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, Sheila Cuddy, Eric Williams 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: Frs. David Ford, Cuthbert Brown, James Gough and Francis Gwinnett, Deacon John Leach, and also John (Sean) O'Meara, Ursula Teresa Lillis and John Hennigan. 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 in Thanksgiving (Fr. Harry).  
St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Vocations to the Priesthood.**

**Tuesday is the Feast of the Transfiguration.** Mass at Our Lady's will be at 9.15 am.

**The Feast of the Assumption** will be on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> August. It is a Holyday of Obligation, when we are obliged to attend Mass if possible. Mass at Our Lady's will be at 10.00 am, and at Sacred Heart at 7.00 pm.

**Church Cleaners needed.** If you can/would like to join the team please speak to me. Thank you.

**Oxprolife BBQ** on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August, 1.00 – 4.00 pm, in the grounds of Ss. Gregory and Augustine, 322 Woodstock Road, Oxford, OX2 7NS. For more information please contact [honorroberts@hotmail.com](mailto:honorroberts@hotmail.com). Oxprolife are also promoting the **March for Life event in London on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September**. There are many attempts at the moment to liberalize abortion in the UK and to silence those offering any alternative viewpoint whether that's 'pills by post' abortions, 'decriminalization', buffer zones or censorship on pro-life students at universities. The dangers of these situations are being highlighted by the theme for this year's March for Life which is 'Abortion isn't Healthcare'. Join thousands at this family-friendly event. Find out more at [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk).

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

**The Annual Novena of Prayer for the Cause of Blessed Dominic Barberi** takes place in our Archdiocese from 18<sup>th</sup> August until 26<sup>th</sup> August. It can be prayed in parishes or at home. The following is the Novena Prayer:

*O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that You will, in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church. Mary, Mother of Holy Hope, pray for us. Saint John Henry Newman, pray for us. Blessed Dominic Barberi, pray for us.*

**Harvington Pilgrimage 2024. Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the English Martyrs, Worcestershire.** The annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, Shrine of the English Martyrs, will take place on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> September. This year the principal celebrant will be The Rt. Reverend Paul Gunter OSB, Abbot of Douai Abbey. Mass is at 3.00 pm with Confessions from 1.45 pm – 2.30 pm. Free timed tours of Harvington Hall are available to pilgrims on the day.

**Healthwatch Oxfordshire.** Have you, or an adult that you look after, stayed in hospital during the last 12 months? If you have, they would like to hear about your experience of leaving hospital, and any care and support you got at home or another place in Oxfordshire in the first few weeks afterwards. They are interested in hearing about what is working well and what could be improved. Please share your thoughts by completing a survey at [Your experience of leaving hospital \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk).

**Could you be a seed of hope?** The Archdiocese of Birmingham is inviting enthusiastic individuals to create a network of Environment Champions. Your mission is to be a channel of communication between the Archdiocese and your parish, to promote Care of Creation and to enthuse others to help to a spirituality which supports an ecological conversion. You will receive the full support of the Care for Creation Committee to act as stewards of creation. <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/seedofhope>

**Tailpiece:** A woman went to Confession and confessed that she had been to a 'fortune teller'. "Did you?" said the priest. "And what did she tell you?" "Please, Father, she told me that I was going to meet a bald-headed man and go on a long journey." "Well, now," said the priest, "Isn't that a strange thing! Here am I without a hair on my head, and aren't you going to do the Stations of the Cross four times!"

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