



Our Lady Help of Christians

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th August, 2024

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(Also serving Sacred Heart, Blackbird Leys)

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

Sunday, 11 th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 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)	The People of the Parish Private Intention Michael Cullen Josephine Mary Whiston Tarcisio Jeronimo Andrade Babo
Monday, 12 th August <i>Op. Mem. of St. Jane Frances de Chantal</i>	No Public Mass Today	Christian Roche
Tuesday, 13 th August <i>Op. Mem. of Bl. William Freeman, or St. Pontian & St. Hippolytus</i>	No Public Mass Today	Maria Elvinu
Wednesday, 14 th August <i>Mem. of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i>	No Public Mass Today	Kathleen Pill and Family
Thursday, 15 th August Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holyday of Obligation	10.00 am Mass (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Paul Watts (2 nd Anniversary) Agata Imaculada Alves de Sousa
Friday, 16 th August <i>Op. Mem. of St. Stephen of Hungary</i>	No Public Mass Today	Dec'd Members of the Johnson Association
Saturday, 17 th August	5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Sr. Esther Murphy
Sunday, 18 th August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	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)	Private Intention Cecilia Michael Sr. Maria Nivio Jose da Costa Fernandes

Saturday 5.30 pm Eucharistic Ministers	Sunday 11.00 am Eucharistic Ministers	This Weekend	Saturday 5.30 pm Readers	Sunday 11.00 am Readers
Jackie	Anne and Robin	This Weekend	Ann	Michelle
Maureen	Asha and Sandra	Next Weekend	Fallon	John

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 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.

This Thursday (15th August) is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is a Holyday of Obligation.. Mass at Our Lady's will be at 10.00 am, and at Sacred Heart at 7.00 pm.

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, Kathleen Candlish, Tommy Campbell, Ellen Kelly and all who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Frs. Denis Manion, Thomas Dennison, Michael Francis McGrath, Kevin Keany and Terence Smith, and also Bridget (Bridie) Keane, Peggy Gleeson, Brenda Mary Browning, Paul Watts and Michael (Stephen) Keane. 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 Philomena Gardiner RIP.
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for the Baptist Family and Friends.
St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Sr. Maria and Sr. Pat.**

THANK YOU.

Wow! What a weekend! Thank you to everyone who made last weekend such a marvellous occasion for me on my Ruby Anniversary. There are too many people to list individually, but musicians, sacristans, servers, readers, the Kenyan ladies, the decorators and organisers in the hall and carpark, the church cleaners, the flower arrangers, the welcomers, those who collected the food or brought extra all deserve my special thanks. Thank you to you all for your cards and gifts which have touched me very much. Most of all I thank Geraldine, the Parish Secretary here at Our Lady's, and Reena, the Parish Secretary at Sacred Heart. Without them none of it would have happened.

Reena has written an article about the weekend that has been published, along with a lot of photos, on the Diocesan website. If you wish to see it go to:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/much-loved-parish-priest-celebrates-40-years-of-ministry>
The Mass was also recorded on our livestreaming, and if you would like to see it go to
<https://www.mcn.live/Camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>.

Harvington Pilgrimage 2024. The Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the English Martyrs, Worcestershire, will be on Sunday, 1st September. 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.

Summer holidays. I shall be on holiday from Monday, 12th until Friday, 23rd August. The office will be closed during this time. I shall offer Mass for the intentions listed. Fr. Martin Flatman has kindly agreed to come to celebrate Mass here at 10.00 am on Thursday (the Assumption) and next Sunday at 11.00 am. Fr. David Rocks OP will celebrate the 5.30 Saturday evening Mass. If you need a priest during this time, please contact Canon Mervyn at Corpus Christi, Headington. Telephone: 01865 762433; Email: corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk.

John Pill RIP. Kath Pill and family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, Mass cards and support. We are also very grateful to all those who attended John's funeral and made it such a prayerful occasion. Special thanks to all those who also helped in practical ways. We are deeply grateful for the love and support of our parish family.

The Annual Novena of Prayer for the Cause of Blessed Dominic Barberi takes place in our Archdiocese from 18th August until 26th August. The Novena Prayer can be prayed in parishes or at home.

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.

March for Life event in London on Saturday 7th September. The theme for this year's March for Life is 'Abortion isn't Healthcare'. Join thousands at this family-friendly event. Find out more at marchforlife.co.uk.

Tailpiece: from a collection of children's letters to God:

- Dear God, if you watch in church on Sunday I'll show you my new shoes. Mickey
- Dear God, did you mean for the giraffe to look like that, or was it an accident? Norma
- Dear God, I don't think anybody could be a better God. Well I just want you to know, but I am not just saying that because you are God. Charles.

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

Fr. Harry