



Our Lady Help of Christians

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th August, 2024

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Sunday, 18 th August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Diocesan Novena to Bl. Dominic Barberi begins today	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday 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)	<i>Sr Esther Murphy</i> <i>Private Intention</i> <i>Cecilia Michael</i> <i>Sr. Maria</i> <i>Nivio Jose da Costa Fernandes</i>	
Monday, 19 th August <i>Op. Mem. of St. John Eudes, Priest</i> Diocesan Novena to Bl. Dominic Barberi	No Public Mass Today	<i>Eileen O'Brien (Get Well)</i>	
Tuesday, 20 th August <i>Memorial of St. Bernard, Abbot</i> Diocesan Novena to Bl. Dominic Barberi	No Public Mass Today	<i>Beatrice Upham (Birthday)</i>	
Wednesday, 21 st August <i>Memorial of St. Pius X, Pope</i> Diocesan Novena to Bl. Dominic Barberi	No Public Mass Today	<i>Robert Curtis (Birthday)</i>	
Thursday, 22 nd August <i>Mem. of the Queenship of Our Lady</i> Diocesan Novena to Bl. Dominic Barberi	No Public Mass Today	<i>Mariyamma</i>	
Friday, 23 rd August <i>Feast of St. John Wall, Priest, Martyr</i> Diocesan Novena to Bl. Dominic Barberi	No Public Mass Today	<i>Sr. Norma</i>	
Saturday, 24 th August <i>Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i> Diocesan Novena to Bl. Dominic Barberi	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	<i>Nuala McNally (Get Well)</i> <i>Sr. Monica</i>	
Sunday, 25 th August Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Diocesan Novena to Bl. Dominic Barberi	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 1.30 pm Baptism 2.30 pm Baptisms (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	<i>Private Intention</i> <i>Oswaldo da Silva & Venancio da Costa</i> <i>Jeronimo Babo Martins & Ercia Andrade (Wed. Anniv.)</i> <i>Noah Oliveira</i> <i>Mya-Louise Beverley & Nylah Violet Evelyn Queen and Thalia Beverley Nembhard</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>	
Saturday 5.30 pm Eucharistic Ministers	Sunday 11.00 am Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday 5.30 pm Readers	Sunday 11.00 am Readers
Maureen	Asha and Sandra	This Weekend	John
Vitalija	Mabel & Rachel	Next Weekend	Guisilla

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.*

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, and Inna.

Please pray for Dcn. Bill Baines, Ellen (Eve) Kelly, Eileen Groom, Eric Williams who died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Cardinal Bernard William Griffin, Fr. Patrick Branagan and Dcn Douglas Taylor, and Joe Barrett, Annie Ryan, Gabrielle Crawforth, Ezra Moore, Betty Piercy and Seamus Whelan. May they rest in peace.

Eileen's funeral will be at St. Hugh's Church, Woodstock at 12.00 noon on Wednesday, 28th August.

Eve's funeral will be here at Our Lady's at 12.00 noon on Friday, 30th August.

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Antonietta and Peppe Aprea (Wedding Anniversary).

St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for Robert Curtis (Birthday).

St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Sr. Pat.

THANK YOU.

Wow! What a weekend! Thank you to everyone who made it such a marvellous occasion for me on my Ruby Anniversary.

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.

A Date for your Diaries. On Saturday, 21st September, we shall have an outing to visit the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. More details will follow, but it will be 9.30 am pick up from Sacred Heart and 10.00 am from Our Lady's. Return approx 6.00 pm. Cost: £20.

NEWS! A new edition of the Lectionary will come into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent, 1st December, 2024.

Unfortunately, this means that the missals we have been using will no longer have the correct translation of the readings. The Sunday missalettes that we use will be updated. On the plus side, it provides all ministers of the Word, clergy and lay alike, with an opportunity to take stock and refresh our appreciation of the work entrusted to us. A (free!) refresher programme for ministers is being offered online in two sessions from **3.00-4.00 pm on Sunday, 13th and 20th October.** It is limited to 40 participants. The first session focuses on ministry and the Word and the second focuses on the Lectionary itself. The course is led by Fr Allen Morris, former Secretary to the Bishops' Conference Department for Christian Life and Worship. It would be useful for anyone who reads in church to take part. Perhaps we could take part together and be "one" of the participants.

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'. Find out more at marchforlife.co.uk.

Summer holidays. I am 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. David Rocks OP will celebrate the 5.30 Saturday evening Mass this weekend, and Fr. Martin Flatman will come to celebrate Mass on Sunday morning at 11.00 am. If you need a priest during this time, please contact Canon Mervyn at Corpus Christi, Headington. Email: corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk. Tel: 01865 762433.

Tailpiece: A man went to Confession and told the priest that he had broken all the Commandments. The priest was a bit taken aback and said, "Surely not all? Have you committed a murder, for example?" He replied, "No, Father, now you mention it I don't think I have." The priest said sternly, "I don't think you have prepared yourself properly for this Sacrament. You must go back to your place and come back later." The man went out and said very loudly to all the other waiting penitents, "It's no good, boys; he's only hearing murders tonight."

May God bless you and all those whom you love.

Fr. Harry