



# Our Lady Help of Christians

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2024

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<p>Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> August <b>Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</b></p> <p><b>Diocesan Novena to Bl. Dominic Barberi</b></p>	<p><b>5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday</b> 7.45 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer 9.00 am Syro-Malabar Community Mass (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>11.00 am Mass</b></p> <p>1.30 pm Baptism 2.30 pm Baptisms</p> <p>(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</p>	<p>Sr. Monica</p> <p>Private Intention Osvaldo da Silva, Venancio da Costa Jeronimo Babo Martins &amp; Ercia Andrade (Wedding Anniversary) Noah Oliveira Mya-Louise Beverley &amp; Nylah Violet Evelyn Queen and Thalia Beverley Nembhard The People of the Parish</p>
<p>Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> August <i>Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi</i></p>	<p>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer <b>No Public Mass Today</b></p>	Fr. David Lloyd
<p>Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> August <i>Memorial of St. Monica</i></p>	<p>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer <b>9.15 am Mass</b></p>	Josephine Mary Whiston
<p>Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August <i>Memorial of St. Augustine</i></p>	<b>No Public Mass Today</b>	Deacon John Higgins
<p>Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> August <i>Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist</i></p>	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	James O'Connor
<p>Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> August <i>Op. Mem. of Ss. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line &amp; Margaret Ward, Martyrs</i></p>	<p>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer <b>12.00 noon Requiem Mass</b> 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction <b>7.00 pm Mass</b></p>	Eve Kelly  Clive Robinson (Intentions)
<p>Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> August <i>Op. Memorial of St. Aidan &amp; the Saints of Lindisfarne</i></p>	<p>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) (12.00 noon Baptisms at Sacred Heart) <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday</b></p>	Paul Fahy Aleixo & Fatima De Jesus Dos Santos The People of the Parish
<p>Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> September <b>Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation</i></p>	<p>7.45 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer 9.00 am Syro-Malabar Community Mass (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>11.00 am Mass</b> (2.00 pm Baptism at Sacred Heart) (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</p>	Private Intention Private Intention Greg Maguire Kaio-Oakley Nelson Private Intention

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
Vitalija	Mabel and Rachel	<b>This Weekend</b>	Henry	Guisilla
Nora	Anne-Marie and Anne	<b>Next Weekend</b>	Ann	Ella and Ellie

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

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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.*

**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: Mgr. Canon Laurence Emery, Mgr. Richard J. Foster, Canons Laurence Hogarty and Joseph Nightingale, Frs. Francis Rowe, James Downey, Isaac William Savin, Francis Toole, Brendan O'Malley, Deacons Peter Kilgallon and David McCarroll, and also Adam Dennis Quelch, Peter King, Catherine Rita Sheridan, Michael McManus, Pietro Lindo and James Turnbull. May they rest in peace.

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

Eve's funeral will be here at Our Lady's at 12.00 noon next Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> August.

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Mick McManus RIP.  
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Roberts Family and Friends.  
St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Sr. Maria.**

**Marriage.** Please pray for Caitlin Simmons and Stephen O'Donnell who are getting married this Monday in Stroud. I shall be going to officiate at the wedding and so there will be no Mass here on Monday.

**Welcome.** This weekend we welcome four new members into our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism: Noah Oliveira, Mya-Louise Beverley Queen, Nylah Violet Evelyn Queen and Thalia Beverley Nembhard. Please pray for them and their families.

**Harvington Pilgrimage 2024.** The Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the English Martyrs, Worcestershire, will be on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**March for Life event in London on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September.** The theme for this year's March for Life is 'Abortion isn't Healthcare'. Find out more at [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk).

**The Annual Novena of Prayer for the Cause of Blessed Dominic Barberi.** Tomorrow (Monday) is the Feast of Bl. Dominic, and we offer our prayers and good wishes to our neighbours in the parish of Blessed Dominic in Littlemore. 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.*

**Parish Outing.** On Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September, we shall have an outing to visit the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. The Arboretum is the UK's year-round centre of Remembrance and home to over 400 symbolic memorials. In a 150-acre site, amongst 25,000 maturing trees, the memorials pay tribute to those who have served our country, including the Armed Forces, civilian and emergency services, and UK charities. There is a visitor centre, events building, two children's play areas, woodland walks, land train tours, buggy tours, exhibitions, restaurant, coffee shop and learning centre. 9.30 am pick up from Sacred Heart and 10.00 am from Our Lady's. Return approx 6.00 pm. Cost: £20. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

**A new Lectionary with a different translation of the Bible readings will come into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent, 1<sup>st</sup> December.** This means that the missals we have been using will no longer have the correct translation and the familiar readings will sound different. This provides all ministers of the Word, clergy and lay alike, with an opportunity to reflect and renew our service. There will be an evening of prayer and preparation for all readers on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, starting with the Holy Hour at 6.00 pm and Mass. After Mass we shall meet in the hall.

**Tailpiece:** A priest was once summoned to the sickbed of a woman in a neighbouring parish. He was rather puzzled because he knew that she was a devoted member of her own parish, so he asked the daughter, "It seems strange that your mother wanted to see me in her illness. Is your own priest away?" "Oh, no," answered the child, "He's home. Only we thought it might be something contagious – and we didn't want to take any risks."

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