



Our Lady Help of Christians

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st September, 2024

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<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 1st September Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation</i></p>	<p>5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Syro-Malabar Community Mass <i>(9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)</i> 11.00 am Mass <i>(2.00 pm Baptism at Sacred Heart)</i> <i>(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>The People of the Parish</i></p> <p><i>Private Intention</i> Cecilia Michael Jose Maia & Bento D.R. Fernandes Kaio-Oakley Nelson <i>Private Intention</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, 2nd September</p>	<p>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Michael Iagoe</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, 3rd September <i>Feast of St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church</i></p>	<p>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer No Public Mass Today</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Brigit Philomena</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, 4th September <i>Op. Mem. of St. Cuthbert, Bishop</i></p>	<p>No Public Mass Today</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Fr David Lloyd</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, 5th September</p>	<p><i>(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thomas</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, 6th September</p>	<p>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's School 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass (with Confirmation)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ruth Fletcher (Get Well)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Antonio de Souza</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, 7th September</p>	<p>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)</i> 1.00 pm Baptism 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>John Joseph McGroarty</i> <i>Enzo Licata</i> <i>Katherine & William Brett (Anniv.)</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 8th September Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Education Sunday</i></p>	<p>7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Syro-Malabar Community Mass <i>(9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)</i> 11.00 am Mass <i>(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Private Intention</i> Anne O'Neill Raden Toton Kiemdarto Joanita de Jesus Viegas & Jose Antonio Joaquin Galucho</p>

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
Nora	Anne-Marie and Anne	This Weekend	Ann	Michelle
Zoja	Robin and Asha	Next Weekend	Naomi	Fletcher and Maria

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

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: Mgr. James Dunlop Crichton, Frs. Bernard Salt, Thomas O'Doherty, James J. Holland, Paul Devaney and Anthony (Tony) Taylor, Deacon Francis Andrews, Sr. Iolanda Marsella FMA, and also Trevor Dean and John Joseph Patrick O'Connor. May they rest in peace.

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Maureen and Rita Tully (Intentions).
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Jodie and Alfi (Wedding).
St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Rita Nkeonadi (Confirmation).**

Pope Francis has established 1st September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. This is the start of the Season of Creation (1st September to 4th October). The Archbishop has sent this message: *“As you may know this is something growing year by year as we become more and more aware of our calling as Christians to have a care for the whole of the Created world... Pope Francis is asking us to think about how we care for the whole of Creation as an expression of our own Christian Faith and is referring us to St. Paul's letter to the Romans, which speaks about the whole of Creation groaning, but also looking for the freedom which Christ brings us as children of God... Hope and Act with Creation is the theme for this year, and I hope you'll be able to pray that we and others will value all that we have in creation as a way of praising God and also caring for those who are most in need.”*

You can find the full celebration guide and other prayers and resources at www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/listing/category/season-of-creation#SOCResources

Pilgrimage for the Planet, Sunday 15th September. Set off from Blackfriars, St. Giles, after the 9.30 am Mass (approx. 11.30 am). Prayers will be said at each stop along the way. Ends at 2.00 pm at St Frideswide Church, Botley Road. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a picnic lunch. This event is organised by the *Laudato Si'* Circle which meets at Blackfriars, Oxford.

Next Sunday is Education Sunday. It is a time to celebrate and give thanks for all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as looking forward to the year ahead. There will be a second collection at Masses next weekend for the Catholic Education Service.

Harvington Pilgrimage 2024. The Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the English Martyrs, Worcestershire, will be today, 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.

March for Life, Saturday 7th September, 1.30 to 4.30 pm, setting out from The Emmanuel Centre, SW1P 3DW. If you would like to join an Oxford contingent travelling down on the bus please go to <https://prolifecommunityoxford.org.uk/m4/> Participating in this march is a powerful way to show support for the unborn. The Emmanuel Centre will host talks from 10.00 am and at 11.00 am there will be a special Mass attended by 4 bishops at Southwark Cathedral.

Congratulations. Please pray for Caitlin and Stephen O'Donnell who got married last Monday. May God bless them in their life together.

Parish Outing. On Saturday, 21st 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. There is a visitor centre, events building, 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: £20.00. 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, 1st December. There will be an evening of preparation for all readers on Friday, 20th September, starting with a Holy Hour at 6.00 pm and Mass. After Mass we shall meet in the hall.

Rosary + Bible On-Line Prayer. The next meeting is on Sunday, 15th September, 6.00 pm. Anyone interested please contact Eva on evasmithson1112@gmail.com

Tailpiece: One day a priest complained because he had noticed that after Mass his congregation all trooped rapidly across the road and straight into the pub. “But, Father, that's your fault” replied one member brightly. “You are always telling us that we must thirst after righteousness.”

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