



# Our Lady Help of Christians

## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

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Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> September <b>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <i>Education Sunday</i>	<b>5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday</b> <b>7.45 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</b> 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)	Katherine & William Brett (Anniv.)  Private Intention Anne O'Neill Raden Toton Kiemdarto Joanita de Jesus Viegas & Jose Antonio Joaquin Galucho
Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> September <i>Op. Mem. of St. Osburg, Abbess, or of St. Peter Claver, Priest</i>	<b>7.00 am Mass</b> 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Nossa Senhora de Fatima
Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> September <i>Mem. of Bl. Agnellus of Pisa</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>9.15 am Mass, followed by the Rosary</b>	Pat Atherton (Birthday)
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>No Public Mass Today</b> (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	The People of the Parish
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> September <i>Op. Mem. of the Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Eileen McGroarty
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> September <i>Mem. of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	Lucy De Souza
Saturday, 14 <sup>th</sup> September <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>2.00 pm Baptism</b> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>	Jim McCann Brigida Princesa de Jesus Vaz Soares Martin & Bridie Keane (Anniv.)
Sunday, 15 <sup>th</sup> September <b>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (formerly Home Mission Sunday)</i>	<b>7.45 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</b> 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 Tony Donovan Tess Cahill (100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday) Tarcisio Jeronimo Andrade Babo
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
Zoja	Robin and Asha	Naomi	Fletcher and Maria
Agnes	Sandra and Mabel	Fallon	
		<b>This Weekend</b>	
		<b>Next Weekend</b>	

**Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.**

Today is Education Sunday when we celebrate and give thanks for all involved in Catholic schools, as well as look forward to the year ahead. There will be a second collection this weekend for the Catholic Education Service.

*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.*

*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.*

**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 Fr. Peter Bundell, Fr. Gerry O'Collins, Rose Thomas, John Kenny and Eric Williams** who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Thomas (Tom) Fallon, Frs. Arthur McCrystal, David Walter Hutt, Dominic Round and Guy Colman, Deacon Michael McGrail, and also Baby Oliver Michael Knott, James Ross, Hilda Ross, Billy Durkin and Antonio Abreu. May they rest in peace.

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Tess Cahill (100<sup>th</sup> Birthday).  
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Pat Atherton (Birthday).  
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Pat Massey RIP.**

**This is the "Season of Creation" (1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/listing/category/season-of-creation#SOCResources)

#### **The Parish Re-awakens:**

- **Music at the 11.00 am Sunday Mass.** Welcome back to our musicians this weekend after the summer break. If you would like to join the musicians, they would love to welcome you.
- **The Children's Liturgy of the Word** also re-starts this weekend at the 11.00 am Mass.
- **The early morning Mass on Mondays** at 7.00 will restart this week, followed by breakfast in the hall. Everyone welcome before you start the week's work.

#### **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.**

There will be an evening of preparation for all readers on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, starting with a Holy Hour at 6.00 pm and Mass. After Mass we shall meet in the hall.

#### **Pilgrimage for the Planet, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Parish Outing.** On Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September, we shall 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 are various attractions including a restaurant and coffee shop. 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 at the back of church.

**The Salesian Sisters** arrived 100 years ago in Cowley, Oxford. There will be a Mass of "Thanksgiving" for their Centenary on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, at 12.00 o'clock to which you are all invited. Other information will follow.

**Rosary + Bible On-Line Prayer.** The next meeting is on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 6.00 pm. Anyone interested please contact Eva on [evasmithson1112@gmail.com](mailto:evasmithson1112@gmail.com)

**Congratulations** to Rita Chinenya Nkeonadi who received the Sacrament of Confirmation here last Friday. May God bless her.

**Job Advert.** The Archdiocese is seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and experienced RICS Chartered General Practice Surveyor to join its Property Team. The key role of the Property Team is to provide advice and guidance for management of parish property, the school estate as well as manage all property held centrally by the Archdiocese. This is a permanent/full-time role. The application deadline is Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September. For job description and application form please visit <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/jobs>.

**Tailpiece:** An angel appeared at a clergy deanery meeting and said to the dean, "In return for your unselfish and exemplary behaviour, the Lord will reward you with your choice of infinite wealth, wisdom, or beauty." "Give me infinite wisdom, please!" declared the dean. "Done!" said the angel and disappeared. All heads turned to the dean. "Well," said a colleague, "Say something brilliant." The dean stood and, with the poise of Socrates, opined, "I should have taken the money."

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