



Our Lady Help of Christians

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd September, 2024

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Sunday, 22 nd September Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day of Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Harvest</i>	5.30 pm Saturday 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)	Joshi Family (Thanksgiving) Private Intention Stacy Stretch The People of the Parish Alarico Do Rego
Monday, 23 rd September <i>Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Maria and Lidia
Tuesday, 24 th September <i>Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	John Pill
Wednesday, 25 th September	No Public Mass Today	Dermot & Josephine McMahon
Thursday, 26 th September <i>Op. Mem. of Ss. Cosmas & Damian</i>	(2.30 pm Mass at Elmthorpe Convent) (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Nora Allen (Intentions) John & James McVeigh
Friday, 27 th September <i>Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Nick Reigner
Saturday, 28 th September <i>Op. Mem. of St. Wenceslaus, or Ss. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 12.00 noon Mass 2.00 pm Baptism 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Filomena de Jesus Goncalves & Lurdes Goncalves Jorge Garcia Valente Felipe Diaz Mabel (Intentions)
Sunday, 29 th September Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	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 2.00 pm Baptism (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Private Intention Rolando Balbag Josie & Eddie Griffiths Alfie Philip Roy Willars The People of the Parish

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
Henry	Rachel and Anne-Marie	This Weekend	Henry	Sandra
Bernadette	Anne and Robin	Next Weekend	Naomi	Nalini

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.

Today is a Day of Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Harvest. We give thanks to God for all His love and kindness to us, especially today for the food we receive.

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, Mary Heap and Inna.

Please pray for Rose Thomas, John Kenny and Eric Williams who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgrs. Michael McTernan and Henry Farrelly, Canons Albert JJ Adams and Peter Reilly, Frs. Bernard McAllister, Peter Lloyd, John Bale, Gordon Banks and Paul Orchard, Deacon Michael McCormack and also Robert Ghartey, James McVeigh and Rebecca Clarke. May they rest in peace.

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Peace.
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Martin Atherton (Get Well).**

This is the "Season of Creation" (1st September to 4th October). The Archbishop has sent this message: "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."

The children at Our Lady's School have challenged you to match them in making a pledge to do something – some act – that will help to make our world a better place. You can write your pledge on a leaf and hang it on the tree at the altar rails.

Welcome to Fr. Chinyelugo who is from Nigeria and is staying with family in Oxford for a few weeks. He will celebrate the 5.30 Saturday evening Mass this weekend.

Welcome too to the new students who have arrived to begin their studies at University. Please help them to feel at home in our parish.

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.

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

Salesian Cooperators' first meeting of the year is this coming Thursday, 26th September, in Elmthorpe Convent, at 2.30 pm. All are welcome. Contact Chris Baker 01865 770102 for more information.

My Day By Day Booklets. The October edition of these booklets, which give the daily Mass readings, are available at the back of church (£1).

At Masses this weekend, there will be a second collection for Father Hudson's Caritas. Father Hudson's mission is to provide Catholic Social Care in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, reaching out to support vulnerable people in need in communities near you. Please give generously to support those with nowhere else to turn.

Altar Servers. If you are an altar server here at Our Lady's, or if you would like to begin serving at the altar, please try to come to a training session after school on Thursday, 3rd October, at 4.00 pm. Thank you.

Would you like to become a Catholic? You are welcome. Sometimes people come to Mass with their family or friends for a long time and never quite pluck up the courage to ask if they could be baptised or received into the Church. If you would like to know more, please come and see me and I hope we can arrange a series of meetings, starting in a few weeks.

Year of Prayer. The next in our Deanery programme of talks for the Year of Prayer will be given by Fr. Damien Howard SJ next Tuesday evening (24th September) at Corpus Christ, Headington at 7.00pm. It will be livestreamed from the CC Parish website link. This is our penultimate Deanery talk for the Year of Prayer (the final one is October 23rd by Fr. Joseph Evans).

Pilgrim Cross Autumn Walk, Saturday 12th October, 12.30-4.45 pm. All are warmly invited to join the Oxford Pilgrim Cross group for their all-age Autumn Gathering - a 7K circular walk around Port Meadow, Oxford. To join on 12th October, simply drop an email to (studentcross.oxfordleg@gmail.com) and turn up on the day at Walton Well Car Park, Oxford, 12.30 pm with a packed lunch and suitable footwear! Pilgrim Cross is a national group who run an annual Easter walking pilgrimage from different parts of the country to the village of Walsingham in Norfolk - with one group setting off from Oxford. To find out more please email or click on this [link \(bit.ly/OxLeg25\)](https://bit.ly/OxLeg25).

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.

Tailpiece: A priest was visiting an elderly parishioner and he noticed a large bowl of peanuts on the coffee table. As he had missed his lunch he asked, "Do you mind if I have some?" "No, not at all!" replied his hostess. Later, as the priest stood up to leave, he realised that he had eaten most of the bowl. "I'm terribly sorry", he said. "I only meant to have a few". "Oh, that's all right," the woman said. "Ever since I lost my teeth all I can do is suck the chocolate off them."

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