



Our Lady Help of Christians

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29th September, 2024

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Sunday, 29 th September Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	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 2.00 pm Baptism (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Mabel (Intentions) Private Intention Rolando Balbag Josie & Eddie Griffiths Alfie Philip Roy Willars Hipolito Exposto Santa
Monday, 30 th September <i>Memorial of St. Jerome</i>	7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	In Thanksgiving
Tuesday, 1 st October <i>Memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	John Hudgell (Birthday)
Wednesday, 2 nd October <i>Mem. of the Holy Guardian Angels</i>	No Public Mass Today	Joseph Malley (Get Well)
Thursday, 3 rd October <i>Mem. of St. Thomas Cantilupe</i>	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Leandes Agnew
Friday, 4 th October <i>Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi</i> CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.30 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	The People of the Parish Sylvia
Saturday, 5 th October <i>Op. Mem. of St. Faustina Kowalska</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Blossom (good health & thanks) Pawan (Birthday)
Sunday, 6 th October Twenty-seventh 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 Cecilia Michael Ninette & Juvenal Patrick Nshanaje Isabella Ribeiro 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	This Weekend	Saturday 5.30 pm Readers	Sunday 11.00 am Readers
Bernadette	Anne and Robin	This Weekend	Naomi	Nalini
Josie	Asha and Sandra	Next Weekend	Ann	Michelle

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.

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, Aven 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: Canon Anthony (Tony) Piercy, Frs. Edward Cotter, Laurence Daly, Denis Mary Egan, Luke Magee CP, William McGann, John Nightingale, John Danaher and John Bullen, Deacons Tony Colby and John Burrows, and also Robert Ghartey, Maureen Connolly, Teresa (Ann) Spencer, Mary Cromeey, Nelly McLoughlin, John Doherty and Pearl Jenkins. May they rest in peace.

**The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Josephine McMahon (Birthday).
St Joseph's Candle is burning this week for Josie and Eddie Griffiths.**

Today is the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The theme is, "God walks with His people".



Pope Francis reminds us that all of us, God's people, are migrants on this earth, on our way to the "true homeland", the Kingdom of Heaven. Migrants are a contemporary icon of this people on a journey, of the Church on a journey, and at the same time, it is in them and in all our vulnerable brothers and sisters that we can meet the Lord who walks with us.

The "Season of Creation" (1st September to 4th October) ends next Friday (the Feast of St Francis of Assisi), but please remember that our responsibility as stewards of creation continues.

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.

Cake Sale. After Masses next weekend there will be a cake sale in the Don Bosco Centre, courtesy of the Salesian Cooperators, to raise funds for the work of the Salesian Sisters in Myanmar (Burma).

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).

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day - this Friday, 4th October. On Friday we are asked to give up some food and give the money that we save to help CAFOD in their work of helping people in need around the world. There will be a second collection for this at Masses next weekend.

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 this 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.

Upcoming Fundraising events. We have got some exciting plans. More details will follow:

- **Christmas Market after the weekend Masses on 30th November/1st December.** This sounds a great way to get some original Christmas decorations or presents, but we need crafty people who can donate things that can be sold. Please contact Vitalija (vitalijamatvey@gmail.com) to find out more.
- **Crafts Class.** If you would like to learn how to make your own decorations or presents for Christmas, there will be a session to do so on **Saturday, 16th November, 12.00 - 2.30 pm.**
- **Breakfast with Santa.** Yes, you heard it here first! On **Saturday, 14th December, 10.00 - 12.00 am** Santa will be visiting Our Lady's. Make sure you have the date in your diaries.

Defibrillator. I am most grateful to an anonymous family who have donated a defibrillator for the use of the parish. Let us hope and pray that we never have to use it.

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 \(bit.ly/OxLeg25\)](http://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 Sunday School teacher asked her class, "Do you know where naughty children go if they don't put their money in the collection plate?" she asked. "Yes ma'am," a boy blurted out. "They go to the cinema."

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