



Our Lady Help of Christians

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

6th October, 2024

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Sunday, 6 th October Twenty-seventh 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)	Pawan (Birthday) Private Intention Cecilia Michael Ninette & Juvenal Patrick Nshanaje Isabella Ribeiro The People of the Parish
Monday, 7 th October <i>Mem. of Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (1.30 pm Mass at St John Fisher School)	Maria De Souza & Rhea De Souza In Thanksgiving
Tuesday, 8 th October	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass, followed by the Rosary	Special Intention
Wednesday, 9 th October <i>Feast of St. John Henry Newman</i>	No Public Mass Today	Fr. Francis (60 th Anniversary)
Thursday, 10 th October <i>Op. Mem. of St. Paulinus of York, or of Ss. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs, or of St. John Leonardi, Priest</i>	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Joy Vargese, Elizabeth
Friday, 11 th October <i>Op. Mem. of Bl. William Howard, Martyr or of St. John XXIII, Pope</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Anne-Marie Lyons (Anniversary)
Saturday, 12 th October <i>Optional Memorial of St. Wilfrid, Bishop</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Sally McNally Fidelma Martin (Get Well)
Sunday, 13 th October Twenty-eighth 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 (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Private Intention Tusing Tchung Vila Nova John White 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
Josie	Asha and Sandra	This Weekend	Ann	Michelle
Jackie	Mabel and Rachel	Next Weekend	Fallon	John

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians for Mass today.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. Last Friday we were asked to give up some food and give the money that we saved to help the work of CAFOD. Please put any donations into the second collection today. If you can Gift Aid your donation that would help CAFOD even more at no extra cost to you. There are envelopes at the back of the church. Thank you.

*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 Mary (Maureen) Heap, Frieda Sawitzki, Rose Thomas who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Cyril L. Fay, Frs. Philip Casey, John Fitzpatrick, Thomas Power and Terence Whatmore, Deacon Patrick Selwood, and also Noleen Bernadette (Bernie) Keenan, Mary Catherine Murphy, Giuseppe Bonassisa, Catherine Doherty. May they rest in peace.

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Peace in Ukraine and the Middle East.

St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for Pope Francis.

The Flowers on the Altar are sponsored this week in memory of Robyn on her birthday.

Centenary Celebration Mass – it's getting closer!

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. The Archbishop will be the main celebrant and there will be a host of priests to celebrate with him and the Sisters.

Cake Sale. After Masses this 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).

Altar Servers. If you would like to begin serving at the altar, please try to come to a training session after school this Thursday, 10th October, at 4.00 pm. Thank you. If you missed the meeting last Thursday you can still come.

Upcoming Fundraising events. We have got some exciting plans. Please put the dates in your diaries:

- **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.**
- **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.
- **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.

Newman Night Walk, on Tuesday, 8th October, from Oxford to Littlemore. 7.15 pm: the Oratory, then a Candle Light Procession from 7 Courtland Road to Bl. Dominic Barberi Church; 9:00 pm: Benediction and a Procession to the College Library and Chapel. Light refreshments afterwards. Parking available behind Bl. Dominic Barberi's for those who prefer not to walk.

Would you like to become a Catholic? You are welcome. If you would like to know more, please come and have a chat with me.

Prayers for Peace. Pope Francis has asked that Monday, 7th October, the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary and also the anniversary of the attacks by Hamas in Northern Israel, should be **a day of fasting and prayer for peace in the world.** The Pope will recite the Holy Rosary on Sunday at the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore. After the 11.00 am Mass today I invite you to join me in the chapel to recite the Rosary with the Pope.

Assisted Suicide Bill. On Wednesday, 16th October, the House of Commons will hear the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide. "Assisted Dying" is one thing: it is a great privilege to be with someone and help them at the end of their life. But "Assisted Suicide" is different. The Bishops of England and Wales are calling on Catholics to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide. Please contact your MP to voice your opposition to this Bill.

Pilgrim Cross Autumn Walk, Saturday 12th October, 12.30-4.45 pm. All are invited to join the Oxford Pilgrim Cross group for their all-age Autumn Gathering - a 7K circular walk around Port Meadow. To join, email studentcross.oxfordleg@gmail.com and turn up on the day at Walton Well Car Park, at 12.30 pm with a packed lunch and suitable footwear!

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: One day, a devout shepherd lost his Bible while he was out looking for a wayward lamb. Three weeks later, a sheep walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. The shepherd couldn't believe his eyes. He took the precious book out of the sheep's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!" "Not really," said the sheep. "Your name is written inside the cover."

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