



# Our Lady Help of Christians

## Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2024

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Sunday, 13 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Prisoners' Sunday	<b>5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday</b> 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 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)	Fidelma Martin (Get Well)  Private Intention Tusing Tchung Vila Nova John White Maria E.F.C. Liu
Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Op. Mem. of St. Callistus I, Martyr</i>	<b>7.00 am Mass</b> 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	In Thanksgiving (Jonas)
Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus, Doctor of the Church</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>9.15 am Mass</b>	Special Intention
Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Op. Mem. of St. Hedwig, Religious, or St. Margaret Mary Alacoque</i>	<b>No Public Mass Today</b>	Kath Pill (Birthday)
Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Mem. of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr</i>	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Marty Joyce
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	MaryAnne Borthwick (Birthday)
Saturday, 19 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Mem. of St. Frideswide, Abbess, Patron of Oxford</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>12.00 noon Mass</b> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>	Nuala McNally (Get Well) The Salesian Sisters Tommy Gildea.
Sunday, 20 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> World Mission Day	<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> 3.30 pm Reception of Mary Heap (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Private Intention Alexander McVeigh Jorge Garcia Valente  Nalini (Birthday)

Confessions: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm.

(Confessions at Sacred Heart: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm.)

Saturday 5.30 pm Eucharistic Ministers	Sunday 11.00 am Eucharistic Ministers		Saturday 5.30 pm Readers	Sunday 11.00 am Readers
Jackie	Mabel and Rachel	<b>This Weekend</b>	Fallon	John
Maureen	Anne-Marie and Anne	<b>Next Weekend</b>	Doris	Guisilla

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

**Today is Prisoners' Sunday** when we are asked to pray for prisoners, their families and all of those affected by imprisonment and those who support them. PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust), the national Catholic prison charity, supports prisoners, their families, and their children, offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around. To find out more about PACT visit [Prisoners Sunday - Prison Advice and Care Trust](http://www.pact.org.uk)

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*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, and Inna.

**Please pray for Mary (Maureen) Heap and Frieda Sawitzki**, who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Bishop Michael Glancey, Mgrs. Cyril L. Fay and Paul Joseph Watson, Canon William Withers, Frs. Seamus Gilroy, Aidan White-Spunner and Brendan Byrne, Deacon Louis Kelly, and also Patrick O'Connell, Tommy Gildea and Peter Wootton. May they rest in peace.

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Tommy Gildea.  
St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for the Salesian Sisters.**

**Centenary Celebration Mass.** The Salesian Sisters arrived 100 years ago here in Cowley. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for their Centenary, next Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, at 12.00 o'clock to which you are all invited. The Archbishop will be the main celebrant.

**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, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 12.00 - 2.30 pm.**
- **Christmas Market after the weekend Masses on 30<sup>th</sup> November/1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:vitalijamatvey@gmail.com)) to find out more.
- **Breakfast with Santa.** Yes, you heard it here first! On **Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 10.00 - 12.00 am** Santa will be visiting Our Lady's.

**Assisted Suicide Bill.** On Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, the House of Commons will hear the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide. 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.

Ahead of the vote in Parliament, Oxford Pro-Life is hosting **an information evening** to help equip you to voice your opposition to the Bill. Come along for: training on arguments against assisted suicide, Q&A, a chance to practice thorny conversations. Light refreshments. It will be on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 8.00-9.30 pm, at St. Gregory & St. Augustine church hall, Woodstock Road, OX2 7NS. Parking available. For info visit <https://prolifecommunityoxford.org.uk/as101>

**Cake Sales.** Over the last year, the Salesian Cooperators, through their Cake and Marmalade Sales, have raised £1,080.00 for the Salesian Sisters Mission in Congo and £325.00 for Parish funds. They would like to thank everyone who has supported and helped them to raise this amazing amount of money. And I should like to thank the Cooperators for their hard work and generosity.

**Altar Servers.** This Thursday at 4.00 pm after school there will be a special training session ahead of the Mass with the Archbishop on Saturday.

**Rosary + Bible Online Prayer Group.** Today, Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> October, at 6.00 pm. Contact Eva on [evasmithson1112@gmail.com](mailto:evasmithson1112@gmail.com). October is the Month of the Rosary. If you don't already pray the Rosary, I encourage you to try it this month.

**The Association for Latin Liturgy** autumn open meeting will take place at Blackfriars, St Giles', Oxford, on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> October. Mass at 11.00 (in the ordinary form); talk by Richard Conrad, OP, on "The Trinitarian dynamic of the Eucharistic Sacrifice" at 2.00. A buffet lunch is available, if booked in advance at <https://latin-liturgy.org/meetings> where more details can be found.

**The Forty Hours Devotion** at the Oratory, 6.00 pm, Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, to 6.00 pm, Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> October.

**World Mission Sunday, next Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> October.** This day of prayer, solidarity, and giving unites Catholics everywhere in sharing the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. Pope Francis invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission, on this special day. There will be a second collection for Missio next weekend. Everyone gives what they can, with those in greatest need receiving the most support.

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**Tailpiece:** A mother decided that it was time to have a good talk with her four-year-old son about the Gospel. "Benji," she began, "Would you like to have Jesus in your heart?" Benji rolled his eyes while he thought and then replied seriously, "No. I don't think I want the responsibility."

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