



Our Lady Help of Christians

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th October, 2024

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Livestreaming: <https://www.mcn.live/Camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>

Sunday, 20 th October Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Mission Sunday	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 3.30 pm Reception of Mary Heap (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Tommy Gildea Private Intention Alexander McVeigh Jorge Garcia Valente Nalini (Birthday)
Monday, 21 st October	7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Requiem Mass	Shaheen (Birthday) Mary Heap
Tuesday, 22 nd October <i>Op. Mem. of St. John Paul II, Pope</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Nossa Senhora de Fatima (Thanks)
Wednesday, 23 rd October <i>Op. Mem. of St. John of Capestrano</i>	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish
Thursday, 24 th October <i>Op. Mem. of St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop</i>	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	John McNulty
Friday, 25 th October	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Patricia Cuddy (Get Well)
Saturday, 26 th October <i>Op. Mem. of St. Cedd, Bishop</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 1.00 pm Baptism 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Private Intention Felicia Moreira Da Cruz Raden Toton Kiemdarto
Sunday, 27 th October Thirtieth 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 Yvonne Cartwright The Salesian Sisters 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
Maureen	Anne-Marie and Anne	This Weekend	Doris	Guisilla
Vitalija	Asha and Sandra	Next Weekend	Henry	Ellie

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.

Collection for 13th October: £369.17; Gift Aid: £173.00.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: £637.14. Thank you.

In addition to the Parish collection the children and staff of Our Lady's School collected an amazing £268.19 for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. Thank you to all of them.

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 Kathleen Parker who died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frs. John Murray, Thomas Burbage and Edward Burbage, and also John O'Brien, Nora (Noreen) Duffy, Kathleen Hill, Betty Etheridge, Shirley Matthews, Elizabeth (Pat) Smith, Frances Aprea, Mary Harrington and Domenico Antonio Mirto. May they rest in peace.

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Martin Jennings (2nd Anniversary).
St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for the Salesian Sisters.**

Today is World Mission Sunday. This day of prayer, solidarity, and giving unites Catholics everywhere in sharing the Good News of God's love. 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.

Christmas Crafts Class, Saturday, 16th November, 12.00 - 2.30 pm. 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 in the Don Bosco Centre. Tickets, £10.00, (cash only) on sale after the weekend Masses. There will be three Classes to choose from: Christmas Wreaths; Christmas Paper Decorations (baubles, garlands); Felted and Yarn Toys/Angels. Tickets will be on sale next weekend. Please choose which class you want to attend at the time of buying your ticket. All materials to be supplied.

All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Friday, 1st November, is the **Solemnity of All Saints** which is a Holyday of Obligation. That means we should all do our best to attend Mass. There will be Mass here at Our Lady's at 9.15 am, and at Sacred Heart at 7.00 pm. **All Souls Day** will be on Saturday, 2nd November. It is not a Holyday of Obligation, but many people like to go to Mass to pray for their deceased family and friends. There will be Mass at Sacred Heart at 10.00 am. and here at Our Lady's at 12.00 noon.

Assisted Suicide Bill. An assisted suicide Bill received its First Reading last Wednesday. The next stage is the Second Reading, in which MPs will have the opportunity to vote on the Bill. That is scheduled for 29th November. If you have not already done so, please contact your MP to voice your opposition to this Bill.

Altar Servers' Training. This Thursday at 4.00 pm after school.

The Association for Latin Liturgy autumn open meeting will take place at Blackfriars, St Giles', Oxford, on Saturday, 26th 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, 18th October, to 6.00 pm, Sunday, 20th October.

CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal. **The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. You can donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal at: cafod.org.uk/give**

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

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025. Every year, hundreds of pilgrims from across the Archdiocese of Birmingham join together for the Lourdes Pilgrimage. 2025 is the Year of Jubilee and Archbishop Bernard invites you to join in this very special occasion in the life of the Archdiocese. The pilgrimage dates have been announced: **Saturday 24th – Friday 30th May 2025**, and you can now express your interest in a place or get more information at: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes.

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 parish priest came back to his presbytery one day, panting and almost completely exhausted. "What on earth is the matter, Father?" asked his worried housekeeper. "It's this great new idea I have to live more simply and save money," he gasped. "I ran all the way home from the deanery meeting behind the bus and saved £2.00." "But Father, that wasn't very clever," objected his housekeeper. "Why didn't you run behind a taxi and save £10.00?"

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

P.S. Winter is coming! Please note that the clocks change next Saturday night/Sunday morning. Don't forget to get your extra hour in bed!

