



Our Lady Help of Christians

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th October, 2024

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Sunday, 27 th October Thirtieth 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 (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Raden Toton Kiemdarto Private Intention Yvonne Cartwright The Salesian Sisters The People of the Parish
Monday, 28 th October <i>Feast of Ss. Simon & Jude, Apostles</i>	7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Janet Gildea (Get Well)
Tuesday, 29 th October	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Kitty Davies (We also remember Cosme and Adelina Ximenes)
Wednesday, 30 th October	No Public Mass Today	Special Intention
Thursday, 31 st October	11.00 am Requiem Mass (7.00 pm Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart)	Kathleen Parker In Thanksgiving (Blossom)
Friday, 1 st November Solemnity of All Saints Holyday of Obligation <i>First Friday</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass 10.00 am Exposition and Confessions (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Joshi Family (Thanksgiving) Dec'd Lyons and Kennedy Families
Saturday, 2 nd November <i>Commemoration of All Souls</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 12.00 noon Mass 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Felix Saulong Jr. Pennamma Stephen Abhimanyu Joshi & Mary Florence
Sunday, 3 rd November Thirty-first 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 Sebastia, Victoria Bernadette Edwards (Birthday) Fernanda Amaral, Fernando, Luciano, Fransisca Fatima, Manuel Tuman

Confessions: Friday, 10.00 – 10.45 am.

(Confessions at Sacred Heart: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm; Saturday, 10.30 – 11.00 am)

Saturday 5.30 pm Eucharistic Ministers	Sunday 11.00 am Eucharistic Ministers		Saturday 5.30 pm Readers	Sunday 11.00 am Readers
Vitalija	Asha and Sandra	This Weekend	Fallon	Michelle
Nora	Mabel and Rachel	Next Weekend	Ann	Fletcher and Maria

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 20th October: £379.96; Gift Aid: £129.29. **World Mission Sunday:** £276.19 Thank you.

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, Rosa Fernandes and Inna.

Please pray for Kathleen Parker, Mary Muthoni and Fidelma Martin who died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bishop John Barrett, Frs. John Francis McGovern, Thomas Williams, John O'Dwyer, Patrick O'Sullivan, James Faulconer-Morgan, Henry Taylor and Louis Moore, Deacon Paul Grosvenor, and also Margaret Dunne, Sean Bates, Patrick Hughes, Kevin Hosey and Katherine Raj. May they rest in peace.

Christmas Crafts Class, Saturday, 16th November, 12.00 - 2.00 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. Please choose which class you

want to attend at the time of buying your ticket. All materials to be supplied.

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).


The Johnson Fund. There will be a second collection next weekend to support this Fund for the support of the Secular Clergy of our Archdiocese who, on account of age or infirmity, need financial help. Thank you.

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. 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.

Friday this week 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. 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 here at 12.00 noon and at Sacred Heart at 10.00 am.

- **November Prayers for the Dead.** There are memorial slips available on the altar rails to write the names of those you wish to pray for. Place the slips in the basket in front of the altar and they will be remembered at Mass throughout the month.
- **Blessing Of Graves:**
Rose Hill Cemetery, on Sunday, 3rd November at 3.00 pm. Gather in the cemetery chapel.
Headington Cemetery: on Saturday, 2nd November at 11.30am.
- **Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the North Oxford Deanery** Tuesday 12th November, 12.15 pm, at Corpus Christi Church, Headington. All welcome.
- **Parish Memorial Mass for those in the parish who have died,** especially those whose funerals have been held here during the past year, on Saturday, 23rd November, 11.00 am. If you would like anyone's name to be included, please let me know.
- **Remembrance Sunday,** 10th November. We shall have a short service after each Mass to pray for those who have died in war and for peace. 

Cake Sale. The Salesian Cooperators will be selling cakes in the Don Bosco Centre after Masses next weekend. Proceeds will go to the Parish.

Fire Safety. For some time I have been thinking that safety procedures in the case of a fire in the church are not at all clear. The first step is to identify a team of fire stewards who would know what to do in the case of a fire. Ideally, we need a minimum of four stewards for each Mass. When we have a trained team we can have a fire drill. Would you consider being one of the team of fire stewards, please? There will be suitable training.

Thank You. A huge thank you from Sr. Breda and the Community for your presence with us last Saturday celebrating our Centenary. It was a wonderful uplifting celebration. Thanks to all who helped in any way to make it so special. May God bless you and your families.

Tailpiece: My mother once told me how, when she was young, she and her sister slipped out of the house to go to a dance on All Saints' Day. After the dance they were running home and my aunt slowed down and said, "Do you realise that it's after midnight and now it's All Souls' Day? If only we could see them we are surrounded by those who have died." My mother, less pious and more practical, replied, "Yes, and if we don't keep running Mother will catch us and we'll be joining them!"

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