



Our Lady Help of Christians

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd November, 2024

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Sunday, 3 rd November Thirty-first 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)	Abhimanyu Joshi & Mary Florence Private Intention Sebastia, Victoria Bernadette Edwards (Birthday) Fernanda Amaral, Fernando, Luciano, Fransisca Fatima, Manuel Tuman	
Monday, 4 th November <i>Mem. of St. Charles Borromeo</i>	No Public Mass Today	Louisa Summers (Get Well)	
Tuesday, 5 th November	No Public Mass Today	Macdonald Family Intentions	
Wednesday, 6 th November	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish	
Thursday, 7 th November <i>Op. Mem. of St. Willibrord, Bishop</i>	No Public Mass Today	Peter & Comseeta Peter	
Friday, 8 th November <i>Mem. of Bl. George Napier, Martyr</i>	No Public Mass Today	Angus Barrett (Get Well)	
Saturday, 9 th November <i>Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 11.30 am Nuptial Mass 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Joan Kanje and Pawel Pytlak Epifania Auxiliadora Da Costa Freitas	
Sunday, 10 th November Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	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 Mary & Anthony Afanu (Thanks) The People of the Parish Janiel Osose Osahon Nuala McNally (Get Well)	
Saturday 5.30 pm Eucharistic Ministers	Sunday 11.00 am Eucharistic Ministers	Saturday 5.30 pm Readers	Sunday 11.00 am Readers
Nora	Mabel and Rachel	Ann	Fletcher and Maria
Zoja	Anne-Marie and Anne	Naomi	Guisilla

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.

The second Collection at Masses today is for the Johnson Fund which provides support to sick and retired priests of the diocese. Many retired priests depend on grants from the Johnson Fund, and your generosity will help them greatly.

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 & Maria Fernandes, Sharon Hinchin and Inna.

Please pray for Kathleen Parker, Mary Muthoni, Patricia (Olive) Ashley-Morgan and Fidelma Martin who died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville, Mgr. Bertram Gould, Canons Denis Toplass, Patrick Smith, Eugene O'Sullivan and John Redford, Frs. James Curtin, Aengus Gabriel Donlon, John Francis Bromfield, John Brisland, Ian Ker, Francis Dawson and Derek Edwards, and also Mary Winter, Cora Proctor and Joseph Mgunwe. May they rest in peace.

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Emma (Get Well).
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Dermot McMahon (Birthday).**

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.

Wanted!! After Christmas we shall be starting the lessons to prepare children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. We need people who are willing to help to prepare them. If you would like to try this ministry, please talk to me.

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.

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.

Holidays. I shall be having a few days off this week and the office will be closed during this time. I shall offer Mass for the intentions listed. Fr. Martin Flatman has kindly agreed to come and celebrate the 11.00 am Mass this weekend. If you need a priest during this time, please contact Canon Mervyn at Corpus Christi, Headington. Telephone: 01865 762433; Email: corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk.

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.

- **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 at Rose Hill Cemetery,** this afternoon, Sunday, 3rd November at 3.00 pm. Gather for prayers in the cemetery chapel.
- **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.



Missio Red Boxes. If you have a Red Box, could you please bring it in to be emptied by Sunday 17th November. Thank you. If you would like to know more about the Red Boxes please speak to Sandra Cromey.

Cake Sale. The Salesian Cooperators will be selling cakes (cash only please) in the Don Bosco Centre after Masses this weekend to raise funds for the parish. A big Thank You to them, and please support them if you can.

Tailpiece: Little Philip was walking home in the rain with his mother after Mass. They rounded a corner, and there was a vivid rainbow in the sky. "Isn't that beautiful!" his mother exclaimed. "I bet God painted that just for you!" "Yes," replied Philip, "God painted it, and what's more He did it left-handed." His mother asked, "How do you know that?" "Easy," said Philip. "We just learned that Jesus is sitting on God's right hand."

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