



# Our Lady Help of Christians

## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2024

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

Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup> November <b>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>World Day of the Poor</i>	<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> <b>2.00 pm Baptism</b> (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Sean Jennings (Anniversary)  Private Intention Michael Cullen Raden Toton Kiemdarto Maila Clarke Cancio Da Costa
Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November <i>Op. Mem. of the Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter &amp; St. Paul</i>	<b>7.00 am Mass</b> 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Patricia Cuddy
Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> November	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>9.15 am Mass</b>	Nossa Senhora de Fatima
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>No Public Mass Today</b> (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	The People of the Parish
Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> November <i>Memorial of the Presentation of Our Lady</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction</b> <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	Annamma Thomas
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> November <i>Memorial of St. Cecilia, Martyr</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>11.00 am Parish Memorial Mass</b>  <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>	Deceased Parishioners, Family and Friends Helen Towey
Saturday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> November <i>Op. Mem. of St. Clement I, Pope, or St. Columban, Abbot</i>	8.00 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)	Private Intention Brendan McNally Thomas White (Birthday) Jeronimo R.B. Martins & Ivan Guterres Andrade (Thanksgiving)
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
Agnes	Asha and Sandra	<b>This Weekend</b>	Fallon	Cecilia and John
Henry	Mabel and Rachel	<b>Next Weekend</b>	Shanthi	Michelle

**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.*

**Please pray for the sick, especially those people 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, Kathleen Boyle, Terry Jackson, Cheryl Jones, Mary Cross, Sheila Cuddy, Rosa and Maria Fernandes, Sharon Hinchin and Inna.

**Please pray for Terry Downes, Mary Muthoni, Patricia (Olive) Ashley-Morgan, Patricia Cuddy and Katie Smith** who died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Archbishop John McIntyre, Canon Philip Coyne, Frs. Bernard Boulton, Gerry Jackson and David Higham, Deacon Pat Linthwaite, Srs. Margaret Renshaw, Kathleen Jones and Mary Cairns FMA, and also Roger Afford, Grace Gingell, Denis Fitzgibbon, Valerie Mostopher, Bernard Teeling, Brendan McNally, Michael Joseph Anthony Cullen and Frank Piggott. May they rest in peace.

**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 during the month.

**Parish Memorial Mass for those in the parish who have died,** especially those whose funerals have been held here during the past year, next Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 11.00 am. If you have a name to be included, please let me know.

**Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Lisa Birch (Ill)**  
**St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Martin Atherton (Ill).**

**Christmas Market, after the weekend Masses on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November, and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December in the Don Bosco Centre.**



This sounds a great way to get some original, handmade Christmas decorations or presents for your family and friends. Enjoy a Christmas drink and food. Enter the raffle and you could win an amazing Christmas present for all the family.

If you are able to donate any new or nearly new items please leave them in the sacristy or at the Piety Shop (at the back of the church) – Christmas Decorations; Christmas Jumpers; Christmas Cards; Sweets; Biscuits; Box of Tea; Candles; Handmade items (not necessarily related to Christmas); Champagne or Wine. Thank you.

**Wanted!!.** We need people to help to prepare children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. If you would like to try this ministry, please talk to me.

**Missio Red Boxes.** If you have a Red Box, could you please bring it in to be emptied this weekend. Thank you. If you would like to know more speak to Sandra Cromey.

**Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025).** Archbishop Bernard invites you to join in this special event in the life of the diocese. For more info: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes](http://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](mailto:sg.olhoc.oxford@rcaob.org.uk) or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.*

**Solemnity of Christ the King.** Next Sunday is the last of the year and it is a Day of Prayer for Young People. There will be a second collection for the Catholic Youth Services.

**Vacancy.** “The Archdiocese of Birmingham invite applications for the new CEO of the first enlarged Catholic Multi-Academy Trust in the Archdiocese. This is an incredibly exciting opportunity to commence Easter 2025, or earlier. We are looking for an outstanding, dynamic, innovative, and visionary Catholic servant leader to lead this new Trust of 63 schools by example and with wisdom. For further details, please visit the Diocesan Education Service website: [CEO Vacancy](#). The closing date is 25<sup>th</sup> November”

**Keyholders.** In accordance with the diocesan policy to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk, we are asking all parishioners who have one or more keys to the church, carpark or hall to fill in a form for them, please. Forms are available from the sacristy.

**Volunteers to help with the children's liturgy.** If you would like to help with the children's church on Sunday mornings, please come and see me.

**Christians in the Holy Land.** This weekend we welcome Christians from the Holy Land who will be selling olive-wood articles after Mass to support the Christian communities there.

**Tailpiece:** During Mass one Sunday a lady was fumbling in her bag for her offering when a TV remote control fell out. The curious usher bent over to pick it up and whispered, “Do you always carry your TV remote to church?” “No,” she replied, “but my husband refused to come with me this evening, and I figured this was the worst thing I could do to him legally.”

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