



Our Lady Help of Christians

Solemnity of Christ the King

24th November, 2024

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Sunday, 24 th November Solemnity of Christ the King	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)	Helen Towey Private Intention Brendan McNally Thomas White (Birthday) Jeronimo R.B. Martins & Ivan Guterres Andrade (Thanksgiving)
National Youth Sunday		
Monday, 25 th November Op. Mem. of St. Catherine of Alexandria	7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	David Wilkins
Tuesday, 26 th November	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Christina Patrino (Get Well)
Wednesday, 27 th November	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish
Thursday, 28 th November	(2.30 pm Cooperators' Remembrance Service) (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Deceased Sisters and Cooperators Mary and Edward Murphy
Friday, 29 th November	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Annamma Kurian
Saturday, 30 th November Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Novenia E. J. Goncalves Soares Kate Maguire (50 th Anniversary)
Sunday, 1 st December First Sunday of Advent	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 John Cullen Antonio Gomes Goncalves Figueira Elina Eboseremen Okoeguale 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
Henry	Mabel and Rachel	This Weekend	Shanthi	Michelle
Bernadette	Anne-Marie and Anne	Next Weekend	Henry	Sandra and Doris

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.

Today is the last Sunday of the Church's year and it brings to a climax the whole of the message of our salvation in Jesus by acknowledging Him as our Lord and King in every aspect of our life. It is especially a Day of Prayer for Young People. At Masses this weekend there will be a second collection for the Catholic Youth Services.

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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, Maggie Durkin, Tony Davies and Inna.

Please pray for Patricia Cuddy, Matthew Perks, Winefred Rodney and Katie Smith who died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Archbishop Joseph Masterson, Canon Augustine Emery, Frs. Michael Connolly, Edward Neary, Reginald Anwyl, Norman Millard and Peter John Rogers, and also Denis Fitzgibbon, Valerie Mostopher, Francis (Frank) Piggott, Josephine McMahon, Anne Josephine Mullagh, Clare Curtis, Wendy Burns, Simeon Onyehilan, Mary Murphy, Genista Purcell, John McWilliams and Joan Taylor. 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.

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Helen Towey (Birthday).
St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for the Young People of our Parish.
The Flowers on the Altar are sponsored this week in Memory of Robyn RIP (Anniversary).

Christmas Market, NEXT WEEKEND, after Mass on Saturday, 30th November, and Sunday, 1st 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. There will be food, so come and enjoy some Christmas fare. 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.

Salesian Cooperators' Remembrance Service for deceased Cooperators and Salesian Sisters. Thursday, 28th November, 2.30 pm, Elmthorpe Convent Chapel. All are welcome. Contact Chris Baker 01865 770 102.

The Advent Walk With Me booklet, with daily reflections for the Season, is now available. Free, or if you wish to make a donation, thank you. There are also copies of the **Advent Day by Day** booklets (£1) which have the readings used at Mass for each day of Advent.

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. Thank you to everyone who brought in their Red Boxes and thank you for your generosity and support. Your empty box is ready to be collected from the back of the church.

Calling All Young People. There are many young voices in our community. We would like to create spaces for them to be heard, flourish and inspire. Sharing time, exchanging thoughts, bible study, theatre, creativity ... there are so many ways to get together in the spirit of the Lord! All young members of our community are invited to get in touch: talk to us after Mass, check the information sheets near the church entrance, or leave us a message. Vanessa and Gabriel will say a few words at the end of Mass today.

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.

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.

Carol Singing Outreach in Cornmarket Street in Oxford City Centre on Saturday 14th December, 11.45 am to 2.00 pm. There will a practice on Sunday 8th December after the 11.00 am Mass at Blessed Dominic, Littlemore, in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome. For more details contact Eva at evasmithson1112@gmail.com or Fr. Ziggy.

Tailpiece: God was talking to one of His angels and He said, "Do you know what I have just done? I have just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness on Earth. Isn't that good?" The angel said, "Yes, it's great. What will you do now?" God said, "Oh, I think I'll just call it a day."

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