



Our Lady Help of Christians

Sixth Sunday of Easter

25th May, 2025

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Happy Easter, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Sunday, 25 th May <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass 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)	Sissie McManus RIP (100 th Birthday) Private Intention Jacinta Soares, Eric Soares da Costa Maria Auxiliadora do Rego Soriano Osose Otiohhi Fernanda, Fernando, Luciano, Fransisca, Amelia, and Manuel
Monday, 26 th May <i>Memorial of St. Philip Neri, Priest</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass	Elena Monteiro
Tuesday, 27 th May <i>Feast of St. Augustine of Canterbury</i>	No Public Mass Today	Eric Edwards (Birthday)
Wednesday, 28 th May	No Public Mass Today	Margaret Griffin (Anniversary)
Thursday, 29 th May <i>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</i> <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Deacon Bill Parker (Anniversary) The People of the Parish
Friday, 30 th May <i>Solemnity of the Dedication of Our Lady's Church</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, 31 st May <i>Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 3.30 pm Marriage Service 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Esperanca Costa & Armino Borges Dooyum Kyaagba & Kighir Lam Patrick and Sarah Davey
Sunday, 1 st June <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i> <i>World Communications Day</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 (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Private Intention Pedro Goncalves & Margarida Jesus Domingos Santos, Felicidade Santos & Jose Antonio Cardoso (1 st Anniv.) The People of the Parish
Confessions: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm. (Also at Sacred Heart on 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
Asha	Anne-Marie and Anne	This Weekend	Henry	Michelle
Agnes	Rachel and Sandra	Next Weekend	Ann	John

**Welcome to Mass at Our Lady's today,
especially if you are new to our parish or visiting for the Bank Holiday.**

We are a parish with a clear identity and purpose: to be a Catholic community, formed by the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus, for the glory and praise of God the Father and the service of His Kingdom, and also for the mutual building up and support of its members. The core message that we feel called to live is contained in Jesus' words:

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10)

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, Claire French, Betty Duff, Beatrice Upham, Thomas Gaughan, Jean Carpenter, Nicky Clarke, Terry Jackson, Cheryl Jones, Mary Cross, Sheila Cuddy, Rosa Fernandes, Maggie Durkin, Tony Davies, Sr. Maria Debono, Inna, Pat Walsh, Doreen Teagle.

Please pray for Srs. Mary Louise Ballard and Teresa Frost FMA, Keelin Trahearn, Denis O'Connor, Teresa Heavey, Maria Teotonia Fatima de Sa, Michael O'Donoghue, Yvonne Alice Brennen, Dolores Steele and Rosie Hart who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgr. Wilfrid Doran, Canon John Gunn, Frs. Thomas Bagnall, Michael McKenna, Patrick Taylor, John Kearns, James Francis Ward, Dermot Corcoran, Joseph Lacy, Cornelius Healy, Charles Stephen Dessain CO, Deacon William Parker, and Sr. Bruna Livieri FMA, and also Sarah Curtis, Lucia Bianchini, Mary O'Mahoney, Margaret Griffin, Delia Conroy, Pauline Josephine Ryan and Claire Heafey. May they rest in peace.

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Caitlin (Intentions).

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Margaret Griffin (Anniversary).

St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Pupils at Greyfriars School who are taking examinations.

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.

First Holy Communion. The First Holy Communion Mass at Our Lady's will be on Saturday, 21st June, at 11.00 am. Please pray for all the candidates and their families.

Confirmation. The Confirmation Mass will be on Saturday, 28th June, at 10.00 am. Next weekend there will be a short rite of enrolment at each of the Masses.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is this Thursday, 29th May. It is a Holyday of Obligation. There will be Mass at Our Lady's at 10.00 am and at Sacred Heart at 7.00 pm

Pentecost Sunday. At the 11.00 Mass on Pentecost Sunday (8th June) we shall celebrate that our parish is an image of the whole Church: many peoples and languages brought into one by the Holy Spirit. We shall have prayers in different languages, and after Mass we shall have a "Bring and Share" lunch when we can join and have foods from all parts of the world. It will only work if YOU bring in a dish from your country, please. (I'll provide cheddar cheese!) Please let me know if you are bringing something.

Missio Red Boxes. If you have a Red Box please bring it in today. You can leave it in the Sacristy or the Piety shop.

Altar Servers' Day. On 21st June, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Brook Lane, Thame, OX9 2AB. Gather from 9:30 – 15:00 for a day of fun, prayer, and serving. For more, ask Paddie patrick.denton@kenelmouthtrust.org.uk

Car Park Lighting Appeal. We are collecting for new lighting. If you can contribute (and gift aid your donation if possible) then it would be very welcome. Thank you.

Congratulations. With great joy I print this from a letter from Lyndsey Caldwell, Headteacher at Greyfriars School: "I am delighted to share with you the outcome of our recent Catholic Schools Inspection, which recognised the exceptional progress Greyfriars is making as a school rooted in faith, service, and ambition. We were judged to be Good overall, but it is with pride that I can tell you we were judged Outstanding in two key areas:

→ The provision for Catholic Life and Mission, and

→ The leadership and governance of Religious Education.

The judgments in these two important areas are a testament to the extraordinary commitment of our staff and the wholehearted engagement of our students. They reflect the strength of our community and the clear trajectory of ongoing improvement we are on as a school."

This great news follows hard on news that Lynsey herself was recently named a Bronze Winner in the Pearson National Teaching Awards for Headteacher of the Year 2025. The award recognises school leaders who have made a significant difference to the lives of students, staff and the wider community. Many congratulations to Lyndsey and to all involved in the life of Greyfriars School.

Pentecost On-Line Prayer Meeting, on Sunday 8th June, 7.15 pm. There will be the Novena to the Holy Spirit to pray for the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. All welcome. To register, contact Eva on evasmithson1112@gmail.com.

Tailpiece: God was wondering if people were behaving well, so He sent one of His angels to earth for a time. When the angel returned, he reported, 'It is not good news; 95% of people on earth are misbehaving and only 5% are not.' When He heard that, God decided to email the 5% who were good to encourage them and help them keep going. Do you know what the email said? No? Okay, just wondering. I didn't get one either.....

May God bless you and all those whom you love.

Fr. Harry