



Our Lady Help of Christians

Seventh Sunday of Easter

1st June, 2025

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Happy Easter, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Sunday, 1st June Seventh Sunday of Easter World Communications Day	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, with Baptism of Ogheneruno Mirable Umukoro (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Patrick and Sarah Davey Private Intention Pedro Goncalves & Margarida Jesus Domingos Santos, Felicidade Santos & Jose Antonio Cardoso (1st Anniv.) The People of the Parish
Monday, 2nd June Optional Memorial of St. Marcellinus & St. Peter	7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Janet Gildea (Intentions)
Tuesday, 3rd June Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.30 am Good Shepherd Mass	Francis Jasper Scovil
Wednesday, 4th June	(12.00 noon Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart)	Michael O'Donoghue RIP
Thursday, 5th June Memorial of St. Boniface, Bishop, Martyr	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	John Hannon
Friday, 6th June Optional Memorial of St. Norbert, Bishop	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Camilo da Souza
Saturday, 7th June	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 2.00 pm Baptisms 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Brian McCann Mia and Naya Bento Tommy Gildea (Birthday)
Sunday, 8th June Solemnity of Pentecost	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 1.00 pm Baptism (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Private Intention Cecilia Michael Josie O'Connor (Anniversary) Josie Salter-Griffiths 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	
Agnes	Rachel and Sandra	This Weekend
Henry	Mabel and Jane	Next Weekend
Saturday 5.30 pm Readers	Sunday 11.00 am Readers	
Ann	John	
Naomi	Doris	

Welcome to Mass at Our Lady's today, especially if you are new to our parish.

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: Canon Harry Bouchier, Frs. William O'Brien, John Avery Lane, Benedict Tarbuck, John Crean and Peter Gallagher, Sr. Rosanne (Rose) Cavanagh FMA, and also Angelique Moona, Maria Keady, Kathleen O'Malley, Simon Boyd, Patrick McLoughlin and Nicholas Cleary. May they rest in peace.

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Elliot Godinho.

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Baby Kiana Grace Godinho.

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Johny Francis Vaz.

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 Archdiocesan 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.

Catholic Communications Day. Today is World Communications Day when we are asked to support the professionals who work to present the Church to the world. The Catholic Communications Network (CCN) helps the bishops of England and Wales to proclaim the Gospel through the media by giving up-to-date news releases, features and podcasts, information from the Bishops' Conference, and also trains spokesmen and women. Its office is the central point for media enquiries and plays a key role in developing the public profile of the Church and its teaching. **There will be a second collection today for the CCN.**

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. There will be a short rite of enrolment at each of the Masses this weekend. The preparation lessons will be on Monday at 3.30 pm in the Don Bosco Centre.

Missio Red Boxes. If you brought in a Red Box for emptying and counting, thank you. The total that you raised for the Church's missionary work came to a magnificent £640.94. Please collect your boxes from the back of the church.

The Friends of The College invite you to a Garden Party at Newman's College, Littlemore on Saturday, 14th June, 3.00-5.00 pm. Come with your friends and family and enjoy a lovely afternoon in the beautiful College Garden. All proceeds will go towards Newman's College.

Pentecost Sunday (next 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. Please let me know if you are bringing something.

The Oxford Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order (OFS) will be holding an Open Quiet Day of Recollection on Saturday, 21st June at the Mornese Centre, Elmhurpe Convent, with talks by Paula Pearce, former National Minister OFS. There will be Mass, devotions and time for prayer and reflection. All welcome. Assemble at 9.30 am, and close approximately 4.00 pm. Bring a packed lunch. Refreshments available. Offerings gratefully received.

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@kenelmeyouthtrust.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.

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: A priest was giving a talk about marriage, and at the end he gave out a small wooden cross to each married couple. He said, "Place this cross in the room in which you fight the most and you will be reminded of Jesus' new commandment, and you won't argue as much." Afterwards one woman came up to him and said: "Thank you, Father, but you'd better give me five of those crosses."

May God bless you and all those whom you love.

Fr. Harry