



Our Lady Help of Christians

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

22nd June, 2025

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(Also serving Sacred Heart, Blackbird Leys)

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Sunday, 22 nd June Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	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 (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Fernando Candido Da Silva Private Intention Nancy McDonnell Jackie Murdoch (Birthday) The People of the Parish
Monday, 23 rd June Op. Mem. of St. Etheldreda (Audrey), Abbess	7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Azad and Ruth (Wedding Anniv.)
Tuesday, 24 th June Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Regina and Frank McLaughlin
Wednesday, 25 th June	No Public Mass Today	Michael Ruddy
Thursday, 26 th June	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Nossa Senhora de Fatima
Friday, 27 th June Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Sean and Marion Hurley
Saturday, 28 th June Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Confirmation Mass 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	The Confirmandi Epifania Auxiliadora Da Costa Soares
Sunday, 29 th June Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles	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 Frank Benson Kamugisha Special Intention Joao Bosco Maria Do Rego Soriano
Confessions: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm. (Also at Sacred Heart on 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
Maureen	Rachel and Sandra	This Weekend	Henry	Ellie and Daniella
Vitalija	Mabel and Jane	Next Weekend	Shanthi	Nalini

Welcome to Mass at Our Lady's today.

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, Mary Barry.

Please pray for Fr. John Baggley, Yvonne Alice Brennen and Rosie Hart who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Hugh Montgomery, Frs. Thomas M Browne, John Boyer, James Walsh, John Bradley, George Grynowski, John Joseph McMorro and Deacon Ralph Watkins, and also Pearl Flanagan, Bridget (Delia) White, Maddalena (Lena) Puma, Thomas Martin Ghee, Ron Jones, Cora Proctor, Nancy McDonnell, Olivia Frances Ludbrook. May they rest in peace.

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for a Special Intention.

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for the Children who made their First Holy Communion.

St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for those being Confirmed.

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.

Feast of the Sacred Heart. Please note that because this Friday is the patronal feast of Sacred Heart Church, our Masses for Thursday and Friday have been swapped around. That means that we shall have Mass at Our Lady's on Thursday (not Friday) at 7.00 pm. Mass on Friday will be at 7.00 pm in Sacred Heart.

The annual Corpus Christi Procession through the streets of Oxford will take place this afternoon, Sunday, 22nd June. The procession will leave the Oratory church of St. Aloysius at 2:30 pm, going first to Blackfriars for a sermon and ending with Benediction at the University Chaplaincy. Academics are encouraged to wear gowns, and First Communicants their dresses and suits. Children are invited to bring flower petals to scatter in the procession.

Fr. John Baggley's Requiem will be at Corpus Christi, Headington, on Wednesday, 2nd July at 12.00 noon. The Archbishop will preside. Fr. John's body will be received into Corpus Christi church on Tuesday, 1st July at 7.00 pm with Mass. Fr. John was Parish Priest at Sacred Heart in Blackbird Leys from 1998-2000 and then at Corpus Christi from 2000-2015.

Confirmation. Bishop Richard Walker will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for members of our community this Saturday, 28th June, 10.00 am.

Young Adults (18 to 35+). Meet Gabriel, Vanessa, Maria and Fletcher over a cuppa after the 11.00 am Mass.

Youngsters (13 to 17). We can now have a first meeting after Mass this Sunday to see who is interested and to get to know each other. Parents are welcome to take part.

Mass for Red Box Missionaries of Hope. You are invited to a special mission Mass in the Jubilee Year of Hope at St. Teresa's Church, Warwick Road, Beaconsfield, HP9 2PL, on Saturday, 12th July. Bishop David Oakley will celebrate, and there will be refreshments after Mass.

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of St Peter and St. Paul. There will be a second collection for "Peter's Pence".

Salesian Cooperators' Meeting, this Thursday, 26th June, at 7.00 pm in Elmthorpe Convent. Sr. Eileen Foley, the Provincial Delegate, will be there. Talks will be about past memories and looking forward to the future.

Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is seeking a volunteer to help with Sea Sunday (12/13 July this year) in this parish. We shall have a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses. If you can do this, please contact roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org or 07887 893 763.

Car Park Lighting Appeal. We are collecting for new lighting. Donations would be very welcome. So far we have received £1,145.00 Thank you.

Sacred Heart Parish Summer Fete. This Saturday, 28th June, 2.00-4.00 pm. Don't miss out on the chance to win the raffle! Lucky dip, bottle stall, tombola, plant stall, games, cake stall, etc. Tea and coffee. All welcome.

Vacancy. The Archdiocese of Birmingham is seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and experienced RICS Chartered General Practice Surveyor to join its Property Team. The key role of the Property Team is to provide advice and guidance for management of parish property and the school estate. You will play a key part in the delivery of the team's objectives whilst promoting and supporting the diocesan vision and implementing the strategic property strategy. Applications including a CV and supporting statement to be submitted to the HR department to julia.hale@rcaob.org.uk by noon on Monday, 30th June 2025. Shortlisting: w/c 30th June. Interviews: w/c 21st July.

Tailpiece: A woman overheard her seven-year-old daughter praying one night, "Bless Mummy and Daddy, and please make three sevens twenty-three." Next morning the woman confessed to having overheard her, "But why do you want three sevens to be twenty-three?" she asked. "Because that's what I put in my tables test at school," her daughter replied.

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