Our Lady Help of Christians

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th July, 2025

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Sunday, 13th July ***Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***	**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)*	*Kath Mullagh* *Private Intention* *Denis McVeigh* *Special Intention (MB)* *Dec'd Members of the Jobul and Feitas Belegatal families*
Monday, 14th July *Op. Mem. of St. Camillus, Priest*	**7.00 am Mass** *8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer*	*The People of the Parish*
Tuesday, 15th July *Mem. of St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*	*8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer* **9.15 am Mass**	*Special Intention*
Wednesday, 16th July *Op. Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel*	**No Public Mass Today**	*Special Intention*
Thursday, 17th July *Op. Mem. of Blessed John Sugar & Robert Grissold, Martyrs, or St. Kenelm*	**9.15 am Mass in Our Lady's School** *(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)*	*The Leavers* *Jim Maguire*
Friday, 18th July	*8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer* **6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction** **7.00 pm Mass**	 *John Pill (1st Anniversary)*
Saturday, 19th July	*8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer* *(10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)* *(1.00 pm Mass for the Ugandan Community at Sacred Heart)* **5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday**	 *Elias Lobato and Maria Lobato* *Private Intention* *Mary Jo Davey*
Sunday, 20th July ***Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***	*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* *Cecilia Michael* *Danny Lyons (Anniversary)* *Luizinha Dolores Fernandes (2nd Anniversary)*
Confessions: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm. *(Also at Sacred Heart on Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm, and 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
Zoja	Rachel and Sandra	**This Weekend**	Shanthi	Cecilia
Asha	Michelle and Mabel	**Next Weekend**	Henry	Fletcher and Maria

Welcome to Mass at Our Lady's today.

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity Number: 234216
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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 people we know: Josie Griffiths, Claire French, Beatrice Upham, Jean Carpenter, Nicky Clarke, Terry Jackson, Mary Cross, Sheila Cuddy, Rosa Fernandes, Maggie Durkin, Tony Davis, Sr. Maria Debono, Inna, Pat Walsh, Doreen Teagle, Mary Barry.

Please pray for Fr. John Baggley, Anne Mary Newell, Gabriel Ignatius Drumm, Hugh Allan and Betty Duff who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Frs. Edmund Whelan, Anthony John Burns, Brian Halton, Geoffrey Wamsley CO, Arthur Warburton, Brendan Carrick, Liam Peter O'Connor, Thomas Rock and Philip Cleary and also John Pill, Catherine (Angie) Aveyard, James McCormack, Ellen (Eve) Kelly, Onyema Anyanwu, William Craig and James McVeigh. May they rest in peace.

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Winnie and Tommy Gildea.
St. Joseph's Candle is burning this week for Tony Davis (Get Well).

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. The Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Today is Sea Sunday when the Church remembers all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. The Second Collection is for Stella Maris. I welcome So Yeun Park today and I am grateful to her for offering to read the appeal from Stella Maris. There are envelopes at the back of church if you wish to Gift Aid your donation.

Young Adult Group (Ages 18-35+). The Young Adult Group continues to meet every Sunday after the 11.00 am Mass for games and weekly reflection. All are welcome.

WeBelieve is a celebration of Catholic life, to be held in the grounds of Oscott College, Sutton Coldfield, from Friday 25th to Monday 28th July. Pitch your tent and embrace the festival experience and catch the early-risers' and after-hours' content by camping on the general or family campsites. With an accessible site, a family-friendly timetable, and dedicated spaces like the Quiet Room and Mothers' Room, there's a space for you! Visit the diocesan website for more details and to book tickets. www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Car Park Lighting Appeal. We are collecting for new lighting. Donations would be very welcome. So far we have received £1,305.00. Thank you.

Called and Gifted – a journey of discovering your spiritual gifts – is coming to Corpus Christi, Headington, starting on Saturday, 13th September 2025. It is a process which helps you discern more clearly the particular spiritual gifts (known as *charisms)* the Holy Spirit has given you.
Contact John Kirwan, johnkirwan1a@gmail.com or 07985098544 for more information and/or to register.

Parish Fundraising event: Tea and Cake after the 11.00 am Mass this Sunday, 13th July. Get a cup of tea/coffee and cake for £5 (children £2) and buy a tombola ticket for the chance to win a prize and/or a raffle ticket for the chance to win a hamper. Please stay and support your parish.

Prayers for Vocations. Each Deanery in the Diocese is asked to dedicate one month in the year to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life. This month of July is our Month. Before Mass on Friday evenings we shall have a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for Vocations. Please join us if you can.

The Don Bosco Centre. Over time, a collection of plates/dishes/cake holders have gathered in the kitchen. Would owners collect them from the kitchen if you want them, please. If they are not collected we shall recycle or dispose of them.
There are also a lot of items stored in the cupboards which need to be sorted and if necessary cleared out, and then the cupboards can be cleaned. If anyone would like to volunteer to do this I should be happy to hear from you.

Our Lady's Primary School. This week is the last week of the school year and we will be celebrating an end of term Mass in Our Lady's School on Thursday morning at 9.15 am. All parishioners are welcome to join us. We shall pray especially for those moving on to their new secondary school and also some of the staff who are leaving at the end of the year. We thank them for all their hard work and service.

Tailpiece: With the summer holidays fast approaching, here's a little offering: A little boy, reciting the Lord's Prayer, was heard to say, "…Give us this day our day in bed". **Amen.**

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