



Our Lady Help of Christians

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st September, 2025

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(Also serving Sacred Heart, Blackbird Leys)

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<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 21st September Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Evangelii Gaudium Sunday</i></p>	<p>5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 8.45 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)</p>	<p><i>The People of the Parish</i> <i>Private Intention</i> <i>Annie O'Neil</i> <i>Thanksgiving (Joshi Family)</i> <i>Bella-Virginija D'Ferraro Mejias</i> <i>The Cuddy Family (Intentions)</i></p>
<p>Monday, 22nd September</p>	<p>7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</p>	<p><i>Fr. Peter Brearly (Intentions)</i></p>
<p>Tuesday, 23rd September <i>Mem. of St. Pio of Pietrelcina</i> (“Padre Pio”)</p>	<p>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass</p>	<p><i>Fr. Jim Furlong (1st Anniversary)</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, 24th September Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham</p>	<p>No Public Mass Today</p>	<p><i>Lionel Pelloquin and Family</i></p>
<p>Thursday, 25th September</p>	<p>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (2.30 pm Mass at Elmthorpe Convent) (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</p>	<p><i>The Salesian Cooperators</i> <i>John McVeigh</i></p>
<p>Friday, 26th September <i>Op. Mem. of Ss. Cosmas and Damian</i></p>	<p>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass</p>	<p><i>Cosme Ximenes, Adelina Fatima Lemos and Family</i></p>
<p>Saturday, 27th September <i>Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul</i></p>	<p>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 12.00 noon Baptisms</p> <p>5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday</p>	<p><i>Rolando Balbag</i> <i>Reyner, Rayden and Rotaria</i> <i>Fernandes Lemos</i> <i>Akasio Lopes Ribeiro</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 28th September Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Day of Thanksgiving for the Harvest</i></p>	<p>7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 8.45 am Syro-Malabar Community Mass (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 11.00 am Mass (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</p>	<p><i>Private Intention</i> <i>James McVeigh</i> <i>Ninette Inarukundo (Anniversary)</i> <i>Jeronimo Babo and Ercia Andrade</i> (2nd Wedding Anniversary)</p>

Confessions: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm.

(Also at Sacred Heart on Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm and Saturday, 10.30 – 11.00 am.)

Saturday 5.30 pm Eucharistic Ministers	Sunday 11.00 am Eucharistic Ministers		Saturday 5.30 pm Readers	Sunday 11.00 am Readers
Agnes	Anne and Rachel	This Weekend	Shanthi	Cecilia
Henry	Sandra and Michelle	Next Weekend	Shanthi	Fletcher and Maria

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

Today is “Evangelii Gaudium” Day (it was formerly called Home Mission Sunday).

The title comes from a letter of Pope Francis and it means “The Joy of the Gospel”. Evangelii Gaudium Sunday gives us the chance to reflect on the command we have been given by the Risen Lord to spread the joy of the Gospel: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations”. There will be a second collection during Mass for Catholic Evangelisation.

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*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.*

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)

Please pray for the sick, especially people we know: Kathleen Mullagh, Alejandro Estuita, Josie Griffiths, Claire French, Beatrice Upham, Jean Carpenter, Nicky Clarke, Terry Jackson, Mary Cross, Sheila Cuddy, Rosa Fernandes, Maggie Durkin, Tony Davis, Inna, Pat Walsh, Doreen Teagle and Mary Barry.

Please pray for Barbara Holland and all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgrs. Michael McTernan and Henry Farrelly, Canons Albert JJ Adams and Peter Reilly, Frs. John Roddy, Bernard McAllister, Peter Lloyd, John Bale, Gordon Banks, Paul Orchard, Dcn. Michael McCormack, and also James McVeigh and Rebecca Clarke. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week in Thanksgiving for Kathy McGurn.

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week in Thanksgiving for Selina and Gabriel Zimmeruhr.

*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 Nav Nalini Joshi 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.***

Music at the 11.00 am Sunday Mass. Can you sing? Can you play any musical instrument? Would you like to be more involved in our weekly worship of God as a community? If the answer to any these questions is "yes!" then please feel welcome to come and join in. Just come up to the corner by Our Lady's statue.



St. Carlo Acutis Youth Group. Yes, our new Parish youth group has a name!! Young people aged between 12-17 are welcome to come to the Don Bosco Centre (the Parish Hall) on Thursdays from 4.00-6.00 pm, on Thursday afternoons, starting on 2nd October. We will have prayer time, drama classes, music (singing) sessions, master classes, games and other events.

Fr. Hudson's Society. Next weekend there will be a collection for Fr. Hudson's. As the social care agency of the Archdiocese, the Society supports people in many areas, and their work is extremely valuable.

Mass for the Sick. There will be a special Mass for the sick on Saturday, 11th October, in Sacred Heart Church, Blackbird Leys, at 11.00 am. It will include the Sacrament of the Sick. All welcome.

Facebook and Instagram.

Our address is: "Our Lady's church, Oxford". Scan the QR code to go to the Instagram account, which is also linked to Facebook. Vitalija would welcome items for inclusion on the site. Please send them to her c/o the parish email address.



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Welcome to the new students who have arrived to begin their studies at University. If you are a new arrival, please come and introduce yourself to me and chat about the life of our parish.

Harvest Thanksgiving. Next Sunday is a Day of Thanksgiving for the Harvest. If you have any produce from your garden or allotment – fruit and/or veg – that we could put before the altar on that day as a focus for our thanksgiving to God, then please bring them along. After Mass you can either re-claim them or they can be passed on to the Foodbank to help those in need.



The Salesian Cooperators. The first Cooperators' meeting of the new season will be at Elmthorpe Convent this Thursday, 25th September, starting at 2.30 pm with Mass. If anyone would like to take part then please contact Chris Baker on Tel: 01865 770102.

Newman Night Walk from Oxford to Littlemore, Wednesday, 8th October, to commemorate the arrival of Blessed Dominic Barberi at Littlemore and the anniversary of Saint John Henry Newman's reception into the one fold of the Redeemer.

7.15 pm: Pilgrim prayers at the Oxford Oratory.

9.00 pm: Candlelight procession from 7 Courtland Rd to Blessed Dominic Barberi church. In parallel: exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Blessed Dominic Barberi church.

On arrival: Benediction and Procession to the College.

Light refreshments will be provided in the parish hall at the close of the event. You can leave your car in the car park of Blessed Dominic Barberi church.

Tailpiece: A man was walking in the woods when he came face to face with a grizzly bear. "Oh Lord," prayed the man, "Grant in Thy goodness that this bear may be a good Christian bear." There was a sudden flash of light and then all was silence until, to his amazement, the man heard the bear begin to pray too: "For what I am about to receive, O Lord, may I be truly thankful. Amen."

May God bless you and all those whom you love.

Fr. Harry