



Our Lady Help of Christians

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th September, 2025

Fr. Harry Curtis, Parish Priest

(Also serving Sacred Heart, Blackbird Leys)

Parish Secretary (also Giving and Gift Aid): Geraldine Griffin

The Presbytery, 59 Hollow Way, Cowley, Oxford, OX4 2ND.

Telephone: 01865 770 910 Email: olhoc.oxford@rcaob.org.uk

Website: www.olhoccowley.co.uk (a copy of this newsletter can be found on our website)

This church live streams Mass and other events. Please see notice in church porch for more details.

Livestreaming: <https://www.mcn.live/Camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>

<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>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 (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Akasio Lopes Ribeiro</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Private Intention</i> <i>James McVeigh</i> <i>Ninette Inarukundo (Anniversary)</i> <i>Jeronimo Babo and Ercia Andrade</i> <i>(2nd Wedding Anniversary)</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, 29th September <i>Feast of</i> <i>Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i></p>	<p>7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mrs Nan Mooney (14th Anniv.)</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, 30th September <i>Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest</i></p>	<p>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Claudino Serra Vaz (Get Well)</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, 1st October <i>Memorial of</i> <i>St. Therese of the Child Jesus</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No Public Mass Today</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>The People of the Parish</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, 2nd October <i>Mem. of the Holy Guardian Angels</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Eileen McGroarty</i> <i>(and we also remember in prayer</i> <i>Deria Santa Virgem Maria)</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, 3rd October <i>Memorial of St. Thomas Cantilupe</i> <i>CAFOD Harvest Fast Day</i></p>	<p>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Josephine McMahon (Birthday)</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, 4th October <i>Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi</i></p>	<p>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 1.30 pm Baptism 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Barbara Reneghan</i> <i>Shane Lei Da Costa</i> <i>Maryanne Borthwick (Get Well)</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 5th October Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</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 style="text-align: center;"><i>Private Intention</i> <i>Cecilia Michael</i> <i>Pawan (Birthday)</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i></p>

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
Henry	Sandra and Michelle	This Weekend	Shanthi	Fletcher and Maria
Josie	Sr. Giovanna and Mabel	Next Weekend	Henry	Michelle

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

Harvest Thanksgiving Mass. Today is a Day of Thanksgiving for the Harvest.

Thank you to everyone who has brought produce from your garden or allotment – fruit and/or veg. It has been placed before the altar as a focus for our thanksgiving to God. After Mass you can either re-claim it, or it will be passed on to the Foodbank to help those in need.



*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: Frs. Edward Cotter, Laurence Daly, Denis Mary Egan, William McGann, John Nightingale, John Danaher, John Bullen, Deacons Anthony Colby and John Burrows, and also Robert Gharthey, Maureen Connolly, Maureen Heap, Teresa (Ann) Spencer, Bridget (Delia) Simmons, Nelly McLoughlin, John Doherty and Richard Hansen. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Lisa Birch (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. **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.**

First Friday. This Friday is the First Friday of the month.

Fr. Hudson's Caritas. At Masses today there will be a second collection for Fr. Hudson's Caritas. As the social care agency of the Archdiocese, Fr Hudson's supports people in need. Their work includes care for older people, those suffering from dementia and people with disabilities, fostering and supporting families through Community Projects and School Based Family Support Projects. Please help them if you can.

Enquiries about the Catholic Faith: Our talk this week will be about the Creed, focussing on the first part: "I believe in one God, the Father Almighty". Friday, 4.30-5.15 pm in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

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, with the Sacrament of the Sick.



Barn Dance. Here at Our Lady's, in the Don Bosco Centre (Parish Hall) on Saturday, 25th October, 7.00 – 9.30 pm. Tickets £10.00 (includes supper), available at the back of church after Mass. Everybody welcome, but tickets are limited so get in fast.

GREAT NEWS!

Our Parish has a new youth group
ST. CARLO ACUTIS YOUTH GROUP

What's in Store?

- Prayer & reflection
- Drama workshops
- Music & singing
- Masterclasses
- Games & fun activities
- New friendships

Bring a friend and have fun

All are welcome!

Who : Ages 12-17
When : Every Thursday, starting 2nd October
Time : 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Where : Don Bosco Centre (Parish Hall) 59 Hollow Way, Oxford OX4 2ND

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 Church.

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 at Blessed Dominic Barberi.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. This Friday, 3rd October, CAFOD is

asking you to give up a little food in order to help our sisters and brothers in the world's poorest countries get enough nutritious food to eat. You can put the money you save into one of the Fast Day envelopes which are available at the back of church. Please give as much as you can so that hunger doesn't remain a fact of life. Bring the envelopes back next Sunday when we will have a second collection after Communion. If you can Gift Aid your donation that would help CAFOD even more at no extra cost to you.

Tailpiece: sometimes notices are printed in church bulletins that perhaps don't really mean what they say:

I rather liked this one, during a priest's illness:

"God is good - Father is better."

More sinister: *"Potluck supper: prayer and medication to follow."*

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