



Our Lady Help of Christians

Thirty-third Sunday of the Year

16th November, 2025

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<p>Sunday, 16th November Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p><i>World Day of the Poor</i></p>	<p>5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday 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 1.00 pm Marriage Service and Baptism</p> <p><i>(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i></p>	<p>Sean Jennings Snr. (Anniversary)</p> <p>Private Intention The People of the Parish Dec'd Lyons and Kennedy Families Fernando and Helena, Marisol Rodrigues Nossa Senhora de Fatima</p>	
<p>Monday, 17th November <i>Optional Memorial of St. Hilda, or St. Hugh of Lincoln, or St. Elizabeth of Hungary</i></p>	No Public Mass Today	Mary Blythe (Get Well)	
<p>Tuesday, 18th November <i>Op. Mem. of the Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter & St. Paul</i></p>	No Public Mass Today	Fatima Jong (Get Well)	
<p>Wednesday, 19th November</p>	No Public Mass Today	<i>In Thanksgiving</i>	
<p>Thursday, 20th November</p>	No Public Mass Today	Brendan McNally	
<p>Friday, 21st November <i>Memorial of the Presentation of Our Lady</i></p>	No Public Mass Today	David Robbins (Anniversary)	
<p>Saturday, 22nd November <i>Memorial of St. Cecilia, Martyr</i></p>	<i>No Mass at Sacred Heart this morning</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Helen Towey (Birthday)	
<p>Sunday, 23rd November Solemnity of Christ the King <i>National Youth Sunday</i></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 <i>(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	Private Intention Aida Soares Jeronimo (Anniv.) Ellen Gaughan (Birthday) Michael Cullen	
<p>Saturday 5.30 pm Eucharistic Ministers</p>	<p>Sunday 11.00 am Eucharistic Ministers</p>	<p>Saturday 5.30 pm Readers</p>	<p>Sunday 11.00 am Readers</p>
<p>Agnes</p>	<p>Anne and Rachel</p>	<p>Ann</p>	<p>Nalini</p>
<p>Henry</p>	<p>Sandra and Michelle</p>	<p>Shanthi</p>	<p>Andreas</p>

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

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)

Mission Appeal. This weekend we welcome Brother John from the Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers of Betharram to make an appeal to help their work.

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: Kathleen Mullagh, Josie Griffiths, Claire French, Beatrice Upham, Jean Carpenter, Nicky Clarke, Terry Jackson, Mary Cross, Sheila Cuddy, Rosa Fernandes, Maggie Durkin, Tony Davis, Inna, John Hudgell, Pat Walsh, Doreen Teagle, Mary Barry, Mary Cairns, Lisa Birch, Julio Madeira Cabral Soares and Fatima Jong.

Please pray for Fr. Simon Hall, May Cox, James Thompson and all who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Archbishop John McIntyre, Canon Philip Coyne, Frs. Joseph Ryan, James O'Sullivan, Raymund Jones, Bernard Boulton, Sean Turley, Gerry Jackson, David Higham, Deacon Pat Linthwaite, Srs. Margaret Renshaw, Kathleen Jones and Mary Cairns FMA, and also Marjorie Chungtuycyo, Roger Afford, Grace Gingell, Patricia Mary King, Bernard Teeling, Brendan McNally and Michael Joseph Anthony Cullen. 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 for the Parish Pilgrimage to Rome.
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Anisa (Get Well).
The flowers in church are sponsored this week for Marjorie Chungtuycyo (Anniversary).**

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.ohloc.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.

Solemnity of Christ the King. Next Sunday is the last of the year and it is a Day of Prayer for Young People. We celebrate the presence and contribution to our community that is made by our young people. There will be a second collection for the Catholic Youth Services.



Missio Red Boxes. If you have a Red Box at home, please bring it in by 30th November so that it can be emptied and returned to you. Thank you.

Christmas Market, Saturday, 29th November, and Sunday, 30th November. We shall be holding a Christmas Market in the Don Bosco Centre on the last weekend of November. It will include a nearly-new stall, a tombola, a Christmas crafts stall, a piety stall and other attractions. We need bottles (lots of them!) for the tombola stall, and any items you wish to donate for the nearly-new stall, please. Donations can be left in the sacristy. Thank you.

Christmas Concert.

Christmas concert
At Our Lady's church
20th December 2025 at 7pm
A professional Worcester college, Oxford University boys choir will sing for us

This is a real treat in the lead-up to Christmas. On the evening of Saturday, 20th December (7.00-8.30 pm) the boys' choir from Worcester College will sing carols and Christmas songs in the church here at Our Lady's. Tickets, £15 per person, available at the back of church after Mass.

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome. This week, as pilgrims have done for centuries, a group from our parish, together with a group from Corpus Christi parish, set out as Pilgrims of Hope in this Holy Year. Please pray for us, as we shall pray for you. Please note that there will be no weekday Mass here this week and no Confessions on Friday.

November Prayers for the Dead. You can still add names of your deceased family and friends in the basket in front of the altar and they will be remembered at Mass.

Christmas Fundraising Events Calendar for November and December

We have an exciting array of fundraising events coming up:

Saturday, 22nd November:

3.00-5.00 pm. Christmas Wreath-making Craft Class

Saturday, 29th November:

1.00-7.30 pm. Christmas Market

Sunday, 30th November:

9.00-1.00 pm. Christmas Market

Sunday, 14th December:

3.30-5.30 pm. Disco with Santa (for children 3-12 years old)

Saturday, 20th December:

7.00-8.30 pm. Christmas Concert

"Making a Christmas Wreath by Hand". The second of the fundraising events is a craft class this Saturday afternoon (22nd November), 3.00-5.00 pm, in the Don Bosco Centre. Have the fun and satisfaction of decorating with handmade items this Christmas. Tickets are on sale at the back of church today, £15.

Tailpiece: Three sons left home, went out on their own and prospered. Getting back together, they discussed the gifts they were able to give their elderly mother. The first said, "I built a big house for our mother." The second said, "I gave her a Mercedes." The third smiled and said: "I've got you both beat. You remember how Mum enjoys reading the Bible? And you know she can't see very well now. So I sent her a remarkable parrot that recites the whole Bible. It took all the Brothers in a monastery 12 years to teach him. He's one of a kind. Mum just has to name the chapter and verse, and the parrot recites it." Not long after, their mother sent out her letters of thanks: "Milton," she wrote to the first son, "you're an idiot. The house you built is so huge...I live in only one room, but I still have to clean the whole place." "Gerald," she wrote to the second, "You're almost as bad as your brother. I am too old to travel. I stay most of the time at home, so I don't need a car." "Dearest Donald," she wrote to her third son. "You, at least, have the good sense to know what your mother likes. The chicken was delicious."

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