



Our Lady Help of Christians

Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday

12th April, 2026

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

Happy Easter, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Sunday, 12 th April Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday	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 3.00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Sheila Jennings RIP Private Intention Doreen McInerney Tom Gaughan (Anniversary) Feliciano, Augusta, Zetiti, Paya and Elisa
Monday, 13 th April Feria of Easter Optional Memorial of St. Martin I	7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.30 am Mass in St. John Fisher School)	Fr. Peter Dooley (Anniversary) Special Intention
Tuesday, 14 th April Feria of Easter	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass in Our Lady's School	Mabel
Wednesday, 15 th April Feria of Easter	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish
Thursday, 16 th April Feria of Easter	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Jos and Priya (Wedding Anniv.)
Friday, 17 th April Feria of Easter	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Patrick Murphy (Anniversary)
Saturday, 18 th April Feria of Easter	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) (2.00 pm Baptism at Sacred Heart) 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Edward and Mary Murphy Paula Jofran Da Silva Patricia Cuddy
Sunday, 19 th April Third Sunday of Easter	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 Ann Marie Clark (1 st Anniversary) Maria Auxiliadora do Rego Soriano and Tioborcio Do Rego Soriano
Confessions: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm (And also at Sacred Heart, Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm; 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	Sr. Giovanna and Mabel	This Weekend	Shanthi	Nalini
Henry	Robin and Asha	Next Weekend	Ann	Michelle

Welcome to Mass at Our Lady's today, especially if you are new to our parish or visiting for Easter.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament here at Our Lady's this afternoon, for half an hour starting at 3.00 pm. All are welcome to drop in for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and quiet prayer.

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

Please pray for John Lillis, Julia Scully, Gladys ("Bonnie") Trowell, Theresa Cahill, Professor Judith Champ who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Frs. Anthony Browne and Peter Moore, and also Roland Allsworth Snr., Jose Do Livramento De Abreu, Ann Marie Clark, Joseph Kelly, Anne Doherty, Philomena Hilsdon, Doreen Bernyce McEneaney and Dorothy Byrne. May they rest in peace.

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Kathleen McMahon Yuda.

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Antonietta Aprea (Birthday).

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Deceased Members of the Mullagh/Kennedy/Grealish Families.

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocesan policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Andres Guerrero 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.

The Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 27th June. If you wish to be apply for this Sacrament there are forms at the back of church, or go to the parish website (www.olhoccowley.co.uk), click on Sacraments, and complete an online application form.

Congratulations and Welcome to Olivio Assuncao, Frank Hall and Matt Dunckley who received the Sacraments of Initiation here during the Easter Vigil last Saturday night. May God bless them and their families.

A big thank you to the altar servers, the sacristans, the flower arrangers, the cleaners, the musicians, the Eucharistic ministers, the foot-washers, the readers and anyone else who contributed to our celebration of Our Lord's Passion and Resurrection.

The St. Carlo Acutis Youth Group.

- This is our Parish group for young people. Each Wednesday at 4.30 pm there is a craft class that is open to all parishioners. A poster displaying the schedule of craft classes for April and May has been placed on the notice board in the church porch.
- We are planning a meeting on 19th April, after Mass, in the chapel, for parents of children who wish to travel to Assisi in October.
- Finally, we are pleased to announce an "Art Contest" taking place on 25th/26th April. Participants are invited to submit drawings based on the theme "Love". The drawings will be displayed in the hall and Parishioners will be invited to choose their favourites. There are 3 age categories: 3-8 y.o., 9- 14 y.o and 14+.

For further details, please refer to the poster displayed in the porch, or contact Vitalija on 07557532717.

Cowley Salesian Cooperators

warmly invite you to celebrate Holy Mass with them on the 23rd May at 12.00 noon in our parish church for the 150th Salesian Cooperators anniversary. Please join us with an open heart to commemorate the dream and work that continues today because of St John Bosco.



A Day of Healing. Littleway Healing Ministries is holding a Day of Healing here at Our Lady's next Saturday, 18th April, 10.30 am – 4.00 pm, led by Fr. Kevin Dixon, Mrs Helen Callaghan and the Littleway Team. Join us for praise, prayer and testimonies. All are welcome, come for the day, bring a packed lunch, or just pop in. For more: info@littlewayhealingministries.com

Cake Sale. After Masses this weekend the Salesian Cooperators will be selling cakes, jam, etc. in the Don Bosco Centre to raise funds to support the missionary work of the Salesian Sisters in Vietnam.

Tea and Cake. Next weekend there will be a parish fundraising event after the 11.00 am Mass. There will be tea and cake, plus a raffle. £5 per person. Come and join the fun and help raise funds for the parish.

Tailpiece: Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" "Because white is the colour of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life." The child thought about this for a moment, then said "So why is the groom wearing black?"

Thank you for your generosity to me in the collection last Sunday and also for your gifts, cards, good wishes and prayers. I appreciate them very much. May God bless you and all those whom you love.

Fr. Harry