



Our Lady Help of Christians

Fifth Sunday of Easter

3rd May, 2026

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(Also serving Sacred Heart, Blackbird Leys)

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Happy Easter, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Sunday, 3 rd May <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	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)	Fatima Jong Private Intention Peter Villar Dec'd Members of the Kirby Family Martinho Jeronimo & Jacinta Soares
Monday, 4 th May <i>Feast of the English Martyrs</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass	Clare (B'day) & Robert Curtis (Anniv.)
Tuesday, 5 th May <i>Feria of Easter</i> Day of Prayer for the Survivors of Sexual Abuse	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Thomas Zason Bonaparte De Araujo (3 rd Birthday)
Wednesday, 6 th May <i>Feria of Easter</i>	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish
Thursday, 7 th May <i>Feria of Easter</i>	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	John Durkin
Friday, 8 th May <i>Feria of Easter</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Arthur Borthwick (Birthday)
Saturday, 9 th May <i>Feria of Easter</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Sheila Jennings Michael Iago (Anniversary)
Sunday, 10 th May <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	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)	Private Intention Tommy Nimmo (2 nd Birthday) The People of the Parish Maja Monika Gryze Larry Gardner
Confessions: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm (And at Sacred Heart on 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
Josie	Rachel and Sandra	This Weekend	Naomi	Guisilla
Maureen	Michelle and Sr. Giovanna	Next Weekend	Ann	Sandra

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

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)

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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.*

Please pray for the sick, especially: Bridie Barry, Josie Griffiths, Claire French, Jean Carpenter, Terry Jackson, Mary Cross, Inna, Sheila Cuddy, Maggie Durkin, Tony Davis, John Hudgell, Pat Walsh, Doreen Teagle, Mary Barry, Mary Cairns, Lisa Birch and Julio Madeira Cabral Soares.

Please pray for Gladys (“Bonnie”) Trowell, Theresa Cahill, Jose Honorio Da Costa Jeronimo, Beatrice Upham and Judith Champ who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Bishop Joseph Gray, Canon Bernard Hurrill, Frs. David Duggan, Michael Byrne, James Dutton, Donal O’Connor, Francis Carr, Walter Joseph Joret, Deacon Anthony Rigby, and also Frank Treacy, Yvonne Alice Brennan, Robert Curtis, Michael Iago and Mary Kelly. May they rest in peace.

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Judith Champ RIP.
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Beatrice Upham RIP.
Our Lady’s Candle is burning this week for Clare Curtis RIP (Birthday).
St. Joseph’s Candle is burning this week for Robert Curtis (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 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.

Car Parking. When you come to Our Lady’s, **please do not park in Salegate Lane.** Residents cannot get out if the Lane is blocked by people attending Mass.

Young Discerners’ Group. Are you a young man in School Years 9-13 who wants to explore a Vocation to the Catholic priesthood? Come to St. Mary’s College, Oscott, in Birmingham next Saturday, 9th May, 10.30-4.00. For more information contact Deacon Owen Gresty (0121 321 5135, or deacon.owen@vocations.org.uk). The day is free, but booking is essential.

Confirmations, Saturday, 27th June. If you wish to apply for this Sacrament go to the parish website (www.olhocowley.co.uk), click on Sacraments, and fill in an online application form. Alternatively, there are forms at the back of church. Lessons will be on Mondays, 4.00 pm, in the Don Bosco Centre, starting on 18th May.



Legion of Mary. This weekend members of the Legion will give a short presentation at the end of Mass to introduce the Legion and to invite anyone interested to come to a meeting on Friday evening at 7.30 pm (after the 7.00 pm Mass).

The St. Carlo Acutis Youth Group.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Art contest last weekend and to those who voted for the entries. The winners are Seriacio, Nathan and Tasha. Congratulations to you all.

Our next craft class will be this Wednesday at 4.30 pm in the Don Bosco Centre when we will decorate wooden coasters with mosaic. Please let Vitalia know if you will be attending – 07557 532 717.

Cake Sale. The Salesian Cooperators will be holding a cake sale after Masses this weekend to raise funds to support the missionary work of the Salesian Sisters in Vietnam.

Cowley Salesian Cooperators

warmly invite you to celebrate Holy Mass with them on 23rd May at 12.00 noon in Our Lady’s 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. There will be light refreshments after Mass in the Mornese Centre at Elmthorpe Convent. (Leave cars in the church car park). All welcome.



Red Boxes. If you have a red Missio box at home, please bring it in by Sunday, 24th May so that Sandra can empty it, count the money and return the box to you. Thank you.

Personal News. The Archbishop has honoured me by appointing me as a member of the Metropolitan Chapter of Canons of St. Chad’s Cathedral, Birmingham. To be honest, I am fairly ignorant as yet to what it means, but it should make no difference to what I do in this parish, although once a month I shall have to go to Birmingham for a Chapter Meeting.

I shall be “installed” at St. Chad’s Cathedral during the 12.15 pm Mass on Tuesday, 2nd June. It is customary that a new Canon is able to invite up to a hundred guests to take part in this Mass and to share in a fairly simple celebration afterwards. If you would like to come with me for the service at St. Chad’s and then have a few hours in Birmingham, there will be a coach going from Our Lady’s to St. Chad’s and back on the day. The cost will be £10 per person. There will be further details next week.

Tailpiece: An eight-year-old girl was telling her six-year-old brother all about the Christian Faith, as only a child can. When she finished, she said, “So David, when you die, where would you like to go? Would you like to be with Jesus and God and Our Blessed Lady and Mummy and Daddy and me? Or would you like to be with the devil and the bank robbers?” David thought about it for a while and then replied, “I think I’d rather stay here.”

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