



# Our Lady Help of Christians

## Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

31<sup>st</sup> May, 2026

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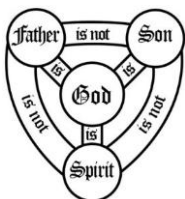
**Website: [www.olhoccowley.co.uk](http://www.olhoccowley.co.uk)** (a copy of this newsletter can be found on our website)

***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>***

Sunday, 31 <sup>st</sup> May <b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</b>	<b>5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday</b> 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 8.45 am Syro-Malabar Community Mass (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) <b>11.00 am Mass</b> (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Deacon Bill Parker (25 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  Private Intention The People of the Parish Thanksgiving to Our Lady Private Intention
Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> June Memorial of St. Justin, Martyr	<b>7.00 am Mass</b> 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	William Pilaster (2 years old)
Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> June Optional Memorial of St. Marcellinus & St. Peter	(12.15 pm Mass at St. Chad's Cathedral)	Frank Hall (ill)
Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June Mem. of St. Charles Lwanga & Companions	<b>No Public Mass Today</b>	Antonietta Aprea (ill)
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	John Durkin
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June Memorial of St. Boniface, Martyr First Friday of the Month	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction</b> <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	In Thanksgiving (TF)
Saturday, 6 <sup>th</sup> June Op. Memorial of St. Norbert, Bishop	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>10.00 am First Holy Communion Mass</b> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>	Libania (Birthday) Mary Giblin (Birthday)
Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</b>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 8.45 am Syro-Malabar Community Mass (9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart with First Holy Communion) <b>11.00 am Mass</b> <b>2.00 pm Baptism</b> (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Private Intention Brian McCann  Josie O'Connor (Father's Anniversary) James Kelly The People of the Parish
Confessions: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm (and at Sacred Heart on Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm).		

Saturday 5.30 pm Eucharistic Ministers	Sunday 11.00 am Eucharistic Ministers		Saturday 5.30 pm Readers	Sunday 11.00 am Readers
Zoja	Anne and Rachel	<b>This Weekend</b>	Henry	Nalini
Agnes	Sandra and Michelle	<b>Next Weekend</b>	Naomi	Fletcher and Maria



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

Today is one of the great feasts of the Church – the Most Holy Trinity, when we praise and honour God, not for anything in particular that He has done, but simply because He is God.

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:** 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 Beatrice Upham, Michael Murphy, Baltazar L'Quy and Patricia Casey** who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Canons John Gunn and Harry Bouchier, Frs. William O'Brien, John Avery Lane, Benedict Tarbuck and John Crean, Sr. Roseanne (Rose) Cavanagh FMA, and also Angelique Moona, Maria Keady, Kathleen O'Malley, Simon Boyd, Claire Heafey and Nicholas Cleary. May they rest in peace.

**The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Nevil Godinho (Good Health).**

**Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Anne MacDonald (Intentions).**

*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](mailto:sg.olhoc.oxford@rcaob.org.uk) or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.*

**First Holy Communion.** Children of our parish will be receiving Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time next Saturday morning at 10.00 am. Please pray for them and for their families at this very special time.

**Thank you** to everyone who made last Sunday's celebration of Pentecost so special. Thank you to those who did readings in their own languages, to the musicians and to those who provided food for the feast afterwards. Despite the heat, it was a glorious celebration of the Gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church.

**First Friday.** This Friday is the first of the month and June is the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart. We shall be praying the Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart before Mass on Friday and offering up your prayer intentions in the basket beside the Sacred Heart statue.

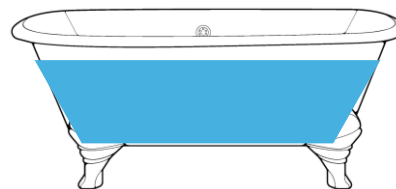
**Baltazar L'Quy.** You will have seen or heard in the news reports this week that there have been several tragedies in rivers and lakes around the country during the heatwave. I am very sorry that one of our East Timor community was among them. Baltazar died on Thursday at Donnington Bridge. Please pray for him, and for his family, friends and community.

**Trip to Birmingham.** I shall be "installed" as a Canon at St. Chad's Cathedral during the 12.15 pm Mass this Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The coach will leave Our Lady's at 9.00 am and return at about 6.00 pm. You can leave cars in the carpark here. If you haven't paid your £10, please bring it with you to pay on the coach. There should be plenty of food in the Grimshaw Room for everyone after the Mass, so you don't need to bring a packed lunch (unless you want to), but if the weather is still hot it would be a good idea to bring a drink with you on the coach.

**Outstanding Achievement for Our Lady's SATs Results.** It's great to share the news that Our Lady's Catholic Primary School achieved the second-best results in Oxford. This fantastic achievement reflects the hard work and dedication of pupils and staff. Many congratulations to the whole school community. We're proud of you!

**Legion of Mary.** A new "Praesidium" has been formed here, meeting on Friday evenings, after the 7.00 pm Mass. We welcome new members. Just come along and try it.

**Red Boxes.** Please collect your empties from the back of church. Thank you to Sandra for her great work on this.



**Please help to empty our bath!**

Our overdraft bath is still very full. Will you help to empty it, please?

Please consider these ideas:

- Put more money in the weekly collection
- Gift aid your donations if you do not already do so
- Make one-off donations to the church funds
- Make donations for the weekly flowers, or commemorative candles.
- Do some fundraising projects

If we each do a little we can empty the bath. Thank you.

**Harvington History Festival** returns from 22<sup>nd</sup>–26<sup>th</sup> July with a fascinating programme of talks, tours, and events exploring history at Harvington Hall, the Archdiocese's historic moated manor house well known for its priest hides. For more info or to book, visit: [harvingtonhall.co.uk](http://harvingtonhall.co.uk)

**St. Carlo Acutis Youth Group.** There will be a craft class this Wednesday at 4.30 pm in the Don Bosco Centre.

**Tailpiece:** A little boy was sitting in church with his parents one Sunday, listening to a long and very boring sermon. Suddenly his wandering eye spotted the red sanctuary lamp. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "Daddy, when the light turns green can we go?"

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

**Fr. Harry**