



Our Lady Help of Christians

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th June, 2026

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(Also serving Sacred Heart, Blackbird Leys)

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Sunday, 14 th June Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	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 (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Pat Murphy (9 th Anniversary) Private Intention Magdalena Hiceta Tommy Gildea The People of the Parish
Monday, 15 th June	7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Paul Watts (Birthday)
Tuesday, 16 th June Op. Memorial of St. Richard of Chichester	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Jean Carpenter (ill)
Wednesday, 17 th June	No Public Mass Today	Nicky Clarke
Thursday, 18 th June Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Maria Fatima Sequiera
Friday, 19 th June Optional Memorial of St. Romuald, Abbot	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass, with Reception of Tony Davis	Nicky Clarke
Saturday, 20 th June Op. Memorial of St. Alban, Martyr	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Ruth and Joel Da Cunha Nancy Lyons (Anniversary)
Sunday, 21 st June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	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)	Private Intention Cecilia Michael Marjorie Chungtuyco (Birthday) Marion Mwangi (Anniv.) and Dec'd Family Members
Confessions: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm (and 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	Sr. Giovanna and Mabel	This Weekend	Ann	Sandra
Josie	Robin and Asha	Next Weekend	Fallon	John

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

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.

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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, Dantas Luis Galucho Rosa and Julio Madeira Cabral Soares.

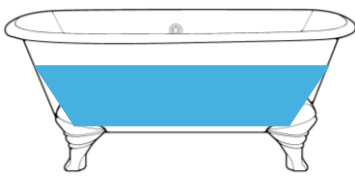
Please pray for Michael Murphy, Baltazar L'Quy, Adrian Gaughan and Patricia Casey who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frs. Joseph Davenport, John Harrington, Laurence Jones, Hubert Mooney, George Smith and Eric Morgan, Sr. Brigid Cahill FMA, and also Patrick Donaghy, John Boyle, Robert John Jackson, Nancy Lyons, Bridget Cherry, Josie Dekkers, Alice Sykes and Linda James. May they rest in peace.

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Sean Og Jennings (58th Birthday).

The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for John Boyle (Anniversary).

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week "to give thanks for my life".

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.



Please help to empty our bath!

Thanks to your generosity, the level in our overdraft bath is going down, but it is

still very full. Will you help to empty it, please?

Day for Life. On Sunday, 21st June, we mark the Day for Life under the theme "The Wonder of the Child in the Womb." The theme also recognises the loss of children who died before birth and the grief of their parents. The bishops' message and prayers can be found on the Day for Life website: www.dayforlife.org. The second collection will go towards the Day for Life Fund, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also donate online via the Day for Life website.

Congratulations to Brendon and Letisha Taylor who were married here this weekend. May God bless them.

Happy Anniversary to St. John Fisher Primary School. SJF will celebrate its 60th Anniversary on Monday, 22nd June. A special Mass will be celebrated in the school on Wednesday, 24th June, at 10.00 am, by Bishop Richard.

Welcome to Tony Davis who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church during the 7.00 pm Mass here on Friday.



Message from Aid to the Church in Need. Across the world, countless men, women and children suffer simply because of the faith they hold dear. In their need, they look to us to be their voice. Aid to the Church in Need has launched its first-ever global petition on religious freedom, calling on governments and the United Nations to do more to defend the right to believe, and to ensure that those responsible for persecution are held to account. We warmly invite you to stand in solidarity with the persecuted Church by signing this petition and giving witness to the importance of religious freedom for all. Please consider putting your faith into action and adding your voice by scanning the QR code.



St. Carlo Acutis Youth Group. We have a small change to our schedule. Next Wednesday, at our craft class, we will be making fish-shaped keychains using large beads. We would also like to ask parishioners for support. If you are able to donate any prizes that could be used for our raffles, we would greatly appreciate it. Please bring any donations by 27th June. Thank you in advance for your generosity

Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is seeking one volunteer from this parish please to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on 11/12 July this year). This is the day when the Church prays for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at Masses that weekend. If you can do this, contact roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org

Confirmations. Bishop Richard will be here at Our Lady's at 10.00 am on Saturday, 27th June, to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for all those preparing for this special time.

Tailpiece: An elderly married couple died and went to heaven. They had always been in good health, mainly due to the wife's interest in health food and exercise. St. Peter led them to a mansion, complete with a beautiful kitchen, a master bath-suite and a Jacuzzi. The old man asked how much all this was going to cost. "It's free," replied St. Peter. "This is Heaven." Next, they went out to the back and behold! There was a championship golf course. They would have golfing privileges every day. The old man asked, "What are the green fees?" St. Peter's reply, "This is Heaven, you play for free." Next, they went to the club house and saw a lavish meal laid out. "Where are the high-fibre, low-fat, and low-cholesterol foods?" the old man asked timidly. "That's the best part," replied St. Peter, "You can eat as much as you like of whatever you like and you never get fat and you never get sick. This is Heaven." The old man looked at his wife and exclaimed, "You and your blooming bran muffins!! I could have been here ten years ago!"

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