



Our Lady Help of Christians

Solemnity of St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles

28th June, 2026

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

Sunday, 28th June Solemnity of St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 8.45 am Syro-Malabar Community Mass <i>(9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)</i> 11.00 am Mass <i>(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	Jose Goncalves <i>Private Intention</i> <i>Luis G.A.M Da Silva & Luisa Da Silva</i> <i>Nicky Clarke</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>
Monday, 29 th June	7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Mary Hull (Get Well)
Tuesday, 30th June <i>Op. Mem. of the First Martyrs of</i> <i>the Holy Roman Church</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Fr. Des McMahon
Wednesday, 1st July <i>Op. Mem. of St. Oliver Plunkett,</i> <i>Martyr</i>	No Public Mass Today	Nazar
Thursday, 2 nd July	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(4.00 pm Reception of Adrian Gaughan at</i> <i>Sacred Heart)</i> (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Damianus Klau and Fatima Jong
Friday, 3rd July <i>Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle</i> <i>First Friday of the Month</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (11.00 am Requiem Mass at Sacred Heart) 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Adrian Gaughan RIP <i>Visitacion Salon (Birthday)</i>
Saturday, 4th July <i>Op. Memorial of St. Elizabeth</i> <i>of Portugal</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Sydney and Andrea Da Cunha Nicky Clarke
Sunday, 5th July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 8.45 am Syro-Malabar Community Mass <i>(9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)</i> 11.00 am Mass <i>(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Private Intention</i> <i>Paul Dolton</i> <i>Kitty Healey (2nd Anniversary)</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>
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
Maureen	Jane and Anne	This Weekend	Shanthi	Guisilla
Vitalija	Rachel and Sandra	Next Weekend	Henry	Michelle

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

Today we are celebrating the (transferred) Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul. There will be a Second Collection at Masses this weekend for Peter's Pence, our national gift as Catholics to the Pope to assist his apostolic work.

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.

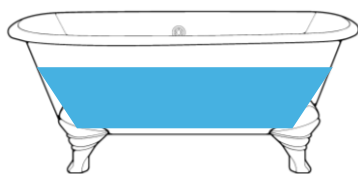
Make us lights to shine forth with your love, giving life and hope to those who have fallen away or who have never known you. Amen.

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, Dantas Luis Galucho Rosa and Julio Madeira Cabral Soares.

Please pray for Adrian Gaughan, James Doyle and all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Patrick Corrigan, Canon Francis Dudley, Frs. John Joseph McMorrough, John Darley, William O'Malley and Michael Cullinan, Deacon Adrian Davies, and also Thomas Martin Ghee, Ron Jones, Cora Proctor, Nancy McDonnell and Olivia Frances Ludbrook. May they rest in peace.

**The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Victims of the Earthquake in Venezuela.
The flowers are sponsored this week for Visitacion Salon (Birthday).**

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.



**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?



The St. Carlo Acutis Youth Group is organising a Summer Event this weekend to celebrate the beginning of summer and to continue fundraising for their pilgrimage to Assisi. Thanks to your incredible generosity and support, they have already raised £1,300. However, they still need to raise a further £500 to reach their goal.

They would be very grateful

if you could support the group by attending and participating in this event. There will be something for everyone – delicious food, fun activities, and wonderful handmade crafts.

Thank you so much for your continued support, generosity, and prayers. Look forward to seeing you there!

Ordinations. Please pray for a local man, Deacon Jonathan Henry from St. Anthony's Parish in Headington, who will be ordained a priest in St. Chad's Cathedral on Saturday, 4th July, and also for Deacon Jithin Titto who will be ordained on 6th July and for Deacon Tenny Antony who will be ordained on 10th July. May God bless them all.

Congratulations to the members of our parish who were Confirmed here this weekend. May God pour out on them and their families the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Garden Party at Newman's College this Saturday, 4th July 3.00-5.00 pm to support the mission of the Sisters of The Work at Newman's College. Enjoy an afternoon in the beautiful garden with a cup of tea, homemade cakes, ice cream, various stalls and live music played by a string quartet. For more information please contact the Sisters on 01865 779743 or littlemore@newman-friends.org.

Oxford Community Emergency Foodbank. There is a box at the back of church for donations of tins of meat, fish, vegetables, soup or puddings, jars of jam or sauce, long life milk or fruit juice, sugar, and essential toiletries. Or you could take things direct to the Food Bank on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 11.20 am – 1.30 pm, behind St. Francis Church, Hollow Way.

MARCH4LIFE 2026 We are invited to take part in a peaceful, joyful march in London on Saturday 5th September – celebrating life and challenging abortion. Two months ago, abortion in the home, up to birth, was decriminalised. Around 1,000 unborn babies are legally killed every day in our country. Join one of the few ways we can peacefully challenge this – and the suffering it causes to families.

"We Believe" Festival at Oscott College, Birmingham. From Friday, 24th to Monday, 27th July: An unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to grow in authentic community, and to encounter the transforming love of God. To find out more: www.webeliefefestival.com.

Tailpiece: A man said to the priest after Mass one Sunday, "Your sermon today reminded me of the mercy of God." The priest was flattered and couldn't resist 'fishing' for more compliments, so he asked the man to explain further. But his joy came to an abrupt end when the man replied, "Well, it passes all understanding, and it endures forever."

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