



Our Lady Help of Christians

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th July, 2026

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Sunday, 12 th July Fifteenth 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)	Nicky Clarke Private Intention Kathleen McGarry Hugh Allan (Anniversary) The People of the Parish
Monday, 13 th July Optional Memorial of St. Henry	7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.30 am Mass at Sacred Heart)	John Pill (Anniversary) St. John Fisher School Leavers
Tuesday, 14 th July Optional Memorial of St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Agus Alves
Wednesday, 15 th July Memorial of St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	No Public Mass Today	Kagia's Family
Thursday, 16 th July Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel	(1.30 pm Leavers' Mass at Our Lady's School) (5.00 pm Reception of Gerry Doyle at Blessed Dominic Barberi Church) (7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Our Lady's School Leavers Jim Maguire
Friday, 17 th July Mem. of Blessed John Sugar & Robert Grissold, Martyrs, or St. Kenelm	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.30 am Requiem Mass at Blessed Dominic Barberi) 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	James (Gerry) Doyle Francisco's Intentions
Saturday, 18 th July	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart) 3.00 pm Marriage Service 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Dennis McVeigh Marlene and Aldonio Nicky Clarke
Sunday, 19 th July Sixteenth 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 2.00 pm Baptism (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Private Intention Cecilia Michael Danny Lyons (10 th Anniversary) William Gonzalez Edmundo Milagres Albuquerque & Luizinha Dolores Fernandes (Anniv.)
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
Nora	Michelle and Sr. Giovanna	This Weekend	Naomi	Andreas
Zoja	Mabel and Asha	Next Weekend	Fallon	Ellie and Daniella

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.*

Please pray for the sick, especially: Bridie Barry, 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.

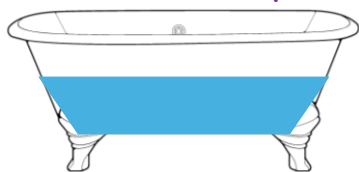
Please pray for James (Gerry) Doyle, Agus Crianto Alves, Josie Griffiths, Antonietta Aprea and John Batey (former headteacher at Cardinal Newman Middle School) and all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frs. John Molyneux, Plunkett Shannon, Edmund Whelan, Anthony John Burns, Brian Halton, Arthur Warburton, Philip Cleary, Brendan Carrick and Liam Peter O'Connor, Deacon Brian Cox, and also Hugh McNab Allan, Peter Lynch, John Pill, Catherine Aveyard, James McCormack, Onyema Anyanwu and William Craig. May they rest in peace.

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for the Griffiths Family.

Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for Yvonne Mudrack (ill).

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, despite some nasty "ups" as we go along. Will you help it on its way, please?

Sea Sunday. Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There is a second collection at Mass for Stella Maris, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain.

Our schools reach the end of the academic year this Friday. We keep all the staff and pupils in our prayers, and we thank them for all their hard work and dedication over the last year. We pray also for those pupils and staff who are starting new chapters of their lives in September.

MARCH4LIFE 2026 We are invited to take part in a peaceful, joyful march in London on Saturday 5th September – celebrating life and challenging abortion.

Prayers for Vocations to the Priesthood. Each Deanery in the Archdiocese is given a month to pray especially intensely for Vocations to the Priesthood. **JULY IS OUR MONTH.** Please make it your special intention.

Diocesan Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, we ask you to send labourers into your harvest. Inspire, in the hearts of your people, vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Bless our families with a spirit of generosity, so that those whom you call have the courage to give themselves to your Church in faith. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Message from the Bishops' Conference.

Act Now: Contact your MP. A Private Members' Bill on assisted suicide – so-called assisted dying – has been reintroduced to the House of Commons. Our clear principled objection to this Bill remains and we renew our call for Catholics and people of goodwill to unite in prayer and compassionate action. Archbishop Richard Moth, president of the Bishops' Conference, explains our opposition to this legislation:

"The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill which aims to legalise assisted suicide has returned to the House of Commons, and Members of Parliament will vote on its Second Reading on 11th September. This bill is wrong in principle. It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives. I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading."

Oxford Community Emergency Foodbank. There is a box in the church porch 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. Thank you.

Tailpiece: A priest told his congregation that the church needed money, and he asked them to be generous. As an incentive he said that whoever gave the most money would be able to choose three hymns. After the offertory plates were passed around, the priest glanced down and noticed that someone had put in a wad containing at least £1,000. He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with the congregation and said he'd like to thank the person personally who had donated such a large amount. A very quiet, elderly, saintly lady in the back of the church shyly raised her hand. The priest asked her to come to the front, so she slowly made her way towards him. The priest thanked her and asked her to pick her three favourite hymns. Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation. She pointed to the three most handsome men in the church and said, "I'll take him and him and him."

May God bless you and all those whom you love.

Fr. Harry