



Our Lady Help of Christians

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th October, 2026

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(Also serving Sacred Heart, Blackbird Leys)

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Sunday, 25 th October Thirtieth 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 2.00 pm Baptism (6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Patrick Bailey Private Intention Madalena's Intentions The People of the Parish Leonardo Solgiu Special Intention
Monday, 26 th October <i>Op. Memorial of St. Cedd, Bishop</i>	7.00 am Mass 8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer	Mgr. Vaughan Morgan (JA)
Tuesday, 27 th October	8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Pennamma Stephen
Wednesday, 28 th October <i>Feast of St. Simon & St. Jude</i>	No Public Mass Today	Alice Borthwick
Thursday, 29 th October	(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)	Cosme Ximenes and Adelina Fatima Lemos
Friday, 30 th October	8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Kitty Davies (Birthday)
Saturday, 31 st October	8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (10.00 am Confirmation Mass at Sacred Heart) 5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Annamma Thomas R. K. Joshi and Mary Florence
Sunday, 1 st November Solemnity of All Saints	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 Carla's Intentions Katherine Raj (Anniversary) Kathleen Mullagh (100 th Birthday)

Confessions: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm (and at Sacred Heart, 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	Rachel and Michelle	This Weekend	Naomi	Daniella
Agnes	Michelle and Sr. Giovanna	Next Weekend	Ann	Guisilla

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

All Saints. Next Sunday is 1st November and that means we shall be celebrating the Solemnity of All Saints.

The Commemoration of **All Souls** will be celebrated on Monday, 2nd November. There will be Mass here at 9.15 am.

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.*

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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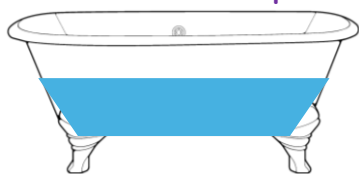
Please pray for the sick, especially: Bridie Barry, Claire French, Jean Carpenter, Mary Cross, Sheila Cuddy, Maggie Durkin, Tony Davis, John Hudgell, Pat Walsh, Doreen Teagle, Mary Barry, Mary Cairns, Dantas Luis Galucho Rosa, Lisa Birch, Inna, Julio Madeira Cabral Soares, Thomas Durkin, Bogumila (Gina) Dybalski and Asha Gill.

Please pray for Kathleen Motherway and all those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries fall this week: Mgr. Graham Wilkinson, Frs. Edward Burbage, John Francis McGovern, Thomas Williams, John O'Dwyer, Patrick Sullivan, James Faulconer-Morgan, and also Elizabeth (Pat) Smith, Frances Aprea, Mary Harrington, Domenico Antonio Mirto, Margaret Dunne, Sean Bates, Patrick Hughes, Noreen Mason, Valentine Mason, William Durkin and Matthew (Mattie) Perks. May they rest in peace.

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Ryan (21st Birthday).
The Sacred Heart Candle is burning this week for Nalini's Intentions.
Our Lady's Candle is burning this week for the Sick in this Parish.

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!



Will you help to get the level in our overdraft bath down, please? Donations can be given to me or made on either of the contactless machines - one

near the piety shop at the back of the church, or a second one in the hall - using the "Parish Overdraft Fund" option (and please Gift Aid if you are eligible). Thank you.

St. Carlo Acutis Youth Group. Dear children and parents! We are planning to resume our Youth Group meetings and would love to hear your ideas about the activities you would enjoy. Please complete a short questionnaire available in the Don Bosco Centre and in the porch. Thank you.

The Second Collection next Sunday will be for the Johnson Association. The Johnson Clergy Association (Birmingham) CIO has supported priests for over 315 years. Priests who are sick, infirm or retired often depend on the support of the Association. Please help to care for those who have cared for you. Your financial generosity is greatly appreciated, and please remember to pray for the work of the Association and for its members.

Mass for the Deceased Clergy of North Oxford Deanery. Every year the clergy of North Oxford celebrate Mass together for their deceased brothers. You are welcome to join us to pray for your priests. Tuesday, 10th November, 12.30 pm, at Corpus Christi church.

Blessing of Graves at Rose Hill on Sunday, 8th November. Meet at the cemetery Chapel at 3.00 pm.

November Prayers for the Dead. There are memorial slips available to write the names of those for whom you wish to pray for during November. Please place the slips in the basket in front of the altar.

Parish Memorial Mass for those in the parish who have died, especially those whose funerals have been held here during the past year, on Saturday, 14th November, 11.00 am. If you would like anyone's name to be included in this special commemoration, please let me know (in writing).

Remembrance Sunday. Sunday, 8th November, will be Remembrance Sunday when we remember and pray for those who have died in past and present wars. We shall have a short service after each Mass to lay a wreath at the foot of the cross and pray for those killed and for peace.

Missio Red Boxes. If you have a Red Box at home, please bring it to the church for emptying by 8th November.

Salesian Cooperators. There is a meeting this Thursday at Elmthorpe Convent at 7.00 pm. The speaker will be Sr. Mary Greenan FMA from Battersea. All welcome. For information, contact Chris Baker, 07729925295.

The annual "Fr Ian Ker Memorial Lecture" will be held at The College in Littlemore on Sunday, 1st November, at 4.00 pm. Dr. Marie Daouda, Lecturer at Oriel College Oxford, will speak on "Newman as Novelist". The event takes place on the first anniversary of St. John Henry Newman's proclamation as a Doctor of the Church. For more information contact the Sisters of The Work: littlemore@newman-friends.org Tel: 01865 779743.

Thank you to those who ran the Bingo evening, with soup and a roll last Saturday, and those who supported it. It raised £132.00 for the bathtub fund.

Retreats with the Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity. Would you like to take some time away from the busyness of everyday life to pray, reflect and deepen your relationship with God? The Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity warmly invites you to join the following retreats, which want to help us listen to God through His Word and discover His presence in our daily lives.

Bereavement Retreat (Ruislip - London) 14th November

Advent Retreat (Isle of Wight) 4th-6th December

New Year Retreat (Isle of Wight) 28th December-1st January

For booking and enquiries: verbumdei.iow@gmail.com

Tailpiece: A Jesuit, a Dominican, and a Franciscan were out walking, talking together about religious matters, when suddenly a vision of the Holy Family appeared in front of them, with the Baby Jesus in the manger and Our Lady and St. Joseph praying over Him. The Franciscan fell on his knees, overcome with awe at the sight of God born in such poverty. The Dominican likewise fell to his knees, adoring the beautiful reflection of the Holy Trinity in the Holy Family. The Jesuit walked up to St. Joseph, put his arm around his shoulder, and said, "So, have you thought about where to send Him to school?"

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