

Our Lady Help of Christians

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **20TH SEPTEMBER 2026**

PARISH TEAM

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Morning Prayer:
Tue - Fri: 10:00 am

Exposition:
Fri: 10:45am - 11:15 am

Masses Times:
Tue - Fri: 10:15 am

Masses during the week are celebrated in the daily Chapel

Saturday: 6:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am (Sung Mass)
11:00 am (Family Mass with Children's Liturgy)

Church opening hours:

Tuesdays to Fridays
9:30 am to 4.00 pm

LAST WEEK COLLECTION
£ 364.84

STANDING ORDERS AUGUST
£ 4,152.00

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£ 0

Thank you!

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Do you begrudge my generosity?
(Mt 20:1-16)

Meditation: What can work and wages, welfare and the unemployed tell us about the kingdom of God? In the parable of the labourers in the vineyard, we see the extraordinary generosity and compassion of God (Mat 20:1-16). There is great tragedy in unemployment, the loss of work, and the inability to earn enough to live and support oneself or one's family. In Jesus' times labourers had to wait each day in the marketplace until someone hired them for a day's job. No work that day usually meant no food on the family table. The labourers who worked all day and received their payment complain that the master pays the late afternoon labourers the same wage. The master, undoubtedly, hired them in the late afternoon so they wouldn't go home payless and hungry.

God is generous and gives us work for his kingdom
God is generous in opening the doors of his kingdom to all who will enter, both those who have laboured a life-time for him and those who come at the last hour. While the reward is the same, the motive for one's labour can make all the difference. Some work only for reward. They will only put in as much effort as they think they will get back. Others labour out of love and joy for the opportunity to work and to serve others. The Lord Jesus calls each one of us to serve God and his kingdom with joy and zeal and to serve our neighbour with a generous spirit as well.

Empowered to serve with a joyful and generous spirit
The Lord Jesus wants to fill each one of us with the power and strength of the Holy Spirit so we can bear great fruit for God's kingdom (the fruit of peace, joy, righteousness, and love) and also bring the fruit of his kingdom to our neighbour as well. We labour for the Lord to bring him praise, honour, and glory. And we labour for our neighbour for their welfare with the same spirit of loving-kindness and compassion which the Lord has shown to us.

Paul the Apostle reminds us, "Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not others, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward - you are serving the Lord Christ" (Col 3:23-24). Do you perform your daily tasks and responsibilities with cheerfulness and diligence for the Lord's sake? And do you give generously to others, especially to those in need of your care and support?

Prayer
Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may serve you joyfully and serve my neighbour willingly with a generous heart, not looking for how much I can get, but rather looking for how much I can give.

Fr Allan

PARISH ACTIVITIES

TEAS AFTER MASSES

TEAS after masses in the Don Bosco Hall:

After 9am Mass every Sunday.

After 11am Mass once a fortnight

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This takes place during the Liturgy of the Word at the 11am Mass.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION SESSIONS

Every Thursday at 4pm in the Day Chapel (Session lasts about 30 minutes).

OVER 60's BINGO CLUB

The over 60's Bingo Club, run by SanKTus, takes place on Tuesdays morning. All parishioners and friends in our local community are most welcome to join us and there is the chance of winning a cash prize!
The programme is as follows:
Refreshments – 10.40am,
Bingo 11.00 – 12.00 pm,
Two Course Meal -12noon –1pm.
There is a charge of £5 to cover all activities.

FREE HOT LUNCH SERVICE

SanKTus also offers a free hot lunch service to all-comers on Sunday afternoon at 2pm and a sandwich service on Wednesdays. Prospective volunteers to help with any part of this activity are invited to get in touch with Richard Mallon at sanktus.welfare@gmail.com

REPOSITORY

The repository is open on Sundays from 10:30-12:00
Anne, our dedicated volunteer, has enriched the offer with a greater choice for Christmas Mass Cards, Advent Calendars, Candles, Cribs and Diaries. Please come as numerous as possible! Thank you.

OLHC GOSPEL CHOIR

After a successful performance at the Castlehaven celebrations, we are making plans for performances at Christmas.

Please feel free to join us in every Tuesday at **6.45 pm**, in the hall on Falkland Road.

We're looking forward to what *Singing together .. brings us and where it will take us...*

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MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 19th	6:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sun 20th	9:00 am	Vincent Ernst De Giovanni (RIP)
	11:00 am	Roland De Souza (RIP)
Tue 22nd	10:00 am	For the Holy Souls
Wed 23rd	10:00 am	
Thu 24th	10:00 am	Rosibel Gil Bristan (RIP)
Fri 25th	10:00 am	
Sat 26th	6:00 pm	Claudie Lacloche (RIP)

ALTAR SERVERS

A reminder of our invitation to all those who made their Holy Communion this year who would like to join our excellent group of Alter Servers at the 6pm Mass on Saturday or the 09 am Mass on Sunday or at the Family Mass at 11 am on Sunday.

Please see Fr Allan, Akua, Tom or Jackie for more information.

BAPTISM PREPARATION 2026

The next course preparing parents for the baptism of their child, will be held **on Friday 25 September and Friday 2 October,** from 7:30—8:30 pm. Please contact the office to book a place.

Bright Women, Bold Futures

La Sainte Union CATHOLIC SCHOOL

We are delighted to invite prospective students and their families to our upcoming Open Events.

Come and explore our outstanding facilities, dedicated careers centre and learn about our inspiring work in STEM and the Performing Arts. Meet our passionate staff, speak to current students, and discover how we support every girl to achieve her bold future.

Open Evening: Tuesday 29th September 2025 4pm-7pm (no booking required)

Open Mornings: Tuesday 13th October and Thursday 15th October (book on website)

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

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