

Our Lady Help of Christians

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **4TH OCTOBER 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
£ 617.51

STANDING ORDERS SEPTEMBER
£ 4,471.93

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£ 0

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He will let out the vineyard to other tenants.
(Mt 21:33-43)

Meditation: What is the message of the parable of the vineyard? Jesus' story about an absentee landlord and his not-so-good tenants would have made sense to his audience. The hills of Galilee were lined with numerous vineyards, and it was quite common for the owners to let out their estates to tenants. Many did it for the sole purpose of collecting rent.

The Lord's vineyard in the house of his people
Why did Jesus' story about wicked tenants cause offense to the scribes and Pharisees? It contained both a prophetic message and a warning. Isaiah had spoken of the house of Israel as "the vineyard of the Lord" (Is 5:7). Jesus' listeners would have likely understood this parable as referring to God's dealing with a stubborn and rebellious people.

This parable speaks to us today as well. It richly conveys some important truths about God and the way he deals with his people. First, it tells us of God's generosity and trust. The vineyard is well equipped with everything the tenants need. The owner went away and left the vineyard in the hands of the tenants. God, likewise trusts us enough to give us freedom to run life as we choose. This parable also tells us of God's patience and justice. Not once, but many times he forgives the tenants their debts. But while the tenants take advantage of the owner's patience, his judgment and justice prevail in the end.

Gift of the kingdom
Jesus foretold both his death on the cross and his ultimate triumph. He knew he would be rejected and put to death, but he also knew that would not be the end. After rejection would come glory - the glory of his resurrection from the grave and his ascension to the right hand of the Father in heaven.

The Lord blesses his people today with the gift of his kingdom - a kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. And he promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him (see Jn 15:1-11). He entrusts his gifts and grace (unmerited favour and blessing) to each of us and he gives us work to do in his vineyard - the body of Christ in our midst today. He promises that our labour for him will not be in vain if we persevere with faith to the end (see 1 Cor 15:58).

We can expect trials and even persecution. But in the end, we will see triumph. Do you follow and serve the Lord Jesus with joyful hope and confidence in the victory he has won for you and the gift of abundant new life in the Holy Spirit?

Prayer
Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have given us - for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us. O most merciful redeemer, friend, and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, for your own sake. (prayer of St. Richard of Chichester, 13th century).

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 at 10 am. All parishioners and friends in our local community are most welcome to join us and there is the chance of winning a cash prize!

CAFOD HARVEST APPEAL
Family Fast Day 4th October 2026

Thank you for supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day!

Thank you for putting your faith into action this Family Fast Day. Your generous donations will help more children stay in school. Children like Tayla in Zimbabwe, where CAFOD's local partners worked with her community to install a solar-powered water supply. Now Tayla has access to safe water and nutritious food at school, helping her to keep learning and develop her God-given talents. To find out more about the work that your generosity at Fast Day makes possible visit: **cafod.org.uk/parishthankyou**

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.

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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 3rd	6:00 pm	Thanksgiving Mass for the Rastelli Family
Sun 4th	9:00 am	Sister Cecilia's Thanksgiving Mass
	11:00 am	For the People of the Parish
Tue 6th	10:00 am	Mary Kate McKenna - P.I.
Wed 7th	10:00 am	Cecilia Gazzaroli (RIP)
Thu 8th	10:00 am	School Mass (Yr 5)
Fri 9th	10:00 am	
Sat 10th	6:00 pm	For the People of the Parish

CATECHISM CLASSES 2027

First Holy Communion

Child is on year 3 or above. The enrolment for First Holy Communion is open, the application forms are available from the priest after all Sunday Masses on each weekend in October, starting next weekend. Deadline to return forms: Sunday 1st November.

RCIA 2027

Adult over 18 years old seeking to be baptised or you are missing a sacrament such as, communion or confirmation the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for you. Please get the application form from the priest at the end of weekend Masses, starting next weekend. Deadline to return forms: Sunday 1st November.

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

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

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