

Our Lady Help of Christians

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — **11TH 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
£ 389.46

STANDING ORDERS SEPTEMBER
£ 4,471.93

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£ 0

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Invite to the wedding feast as many as you find
(Mt 22:1.14)

Meditation: What can a royal wedding party tell us about God's kingdom? One of the most beautiful images used in the Scriptures to depict what heaven is like is the wedding celebration and royal feast given by the King for his newly-wed son and bride. Whatever grand feast we can imagine on earth, heaven is the feast of all feasts because the Lord of heaven and earth invites us to the most important banquet of all - not simply as bystanders or guests - but as members of Christ's own body, his bride the church! The last book in the Bible ends with an invitation to the wedding feast of the Lamb - the Lord Jesus who offered his life as an atoning sacrifice for our sins and who now reigns as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. *The Spirit and the Bride say, Come!* (Re 22:17). The Lord Jesus invites us to be united with himself in his heavenly kingdom of peace and righteousness.

Whose interests come first - God or mine?
Why does Jesus' parable of the marriage feast seem to focus on an angry king who ends up punishing those who refused his invitation and who mistreated his servants? Jesus' parable contains two stories. The first has to do with the original guests invited to the marriage feast. The king had sent out invitations well in advance to his subjects, so they would have plenty of time to prepare for coming to the feast. How insulting for the invited guests to then refuse when the time for celebrating came! They made light of the King's request because they put their own interests above his. They not only insulted the King but the heir to the throne as well. The king's anger is justified because they openly refused to give the king the honour he was due. Jesus directed this warning to the Jews of his day, both to convey how much God wanted them to share in the joy of his kingdom, but also to give a warning about the consequences of refusing his Son, their Messiah and Saviour.

An invitation we cannot refuse!
The second part of the story focuses on those who had no claim on the king and who would never have considered getting such an invitation. The "good and the bad" along the highways certainly referred to the Gentiles (non-Jews) and to sinners. This is certainly an invitation of grace - undeserved, unmerited favor and kindness! But this invitation also contains a warning for those who refuse it or who approach the wedding feast unworthily. God's grace is a free gift, but it is also an awesome responsibility.

Cheap grace or costly grace?
Dieterich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran pastor and theologian in Germany who died for his faith under Hitler's Nazi rule, contrasted "cheap grace" and "costly grace".

> "Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves... the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance... grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate... Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock. Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life."

God invites each of us as his friends to his heavenly banquet that we may celebrate with him and share in his joy. Are you ready to feast at the Lord's banquet table?

Prayer
Lord Jesus, may I always know the joy of living in your presence and grow in the hope of seeing you face to face in your everlasting kingdom.

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!

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

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 10th	6:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sun 11th	9:00 am	Roland De Souza (RIP)
	11:00 am	Lawrence Flood (RIP)
Tue 13th	10:00 am	Kathy Byrne (RIP)
Wed 14th	10:00 am	Ann Edgar (RIP)
Thu 15th	10:00 am	School Mass (Yr 3-4)
Fri 16th	10:00 am	Mary Hoctor (RIP)
Sat 17th	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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