



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday, 11 th July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Sea Sunday</i>	9.00 am 6.00 pm	<i>Jose Martins - RIP</i> <i>Barney Conway - RIP</i>
Monday, 12 th July	9.15 am Mass	<i>Kathleen McGarry (Anniversary)</i>
Tuesday, 13 th July <i>Optional Memorial of St. Henry</i>	<i>(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Teodrico D'Souza (Birthday)</i>
Wednesday, 14 th July <i>Op. Memorial of St. Camillus de Lellis</i>	No Mass Today	
Thursday, 15 th July <i>Memorial of St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	<i>Jim Maguire</i>
Friday, 16 th July <i>Op. Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	<i>(9.30 am Leavers' Mass at St. John Fisher School)</i> <i>(4.00 pm Leavers' Mass at Our Lady's School)</i> <i>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Ellen Gaughan (Get well)</i>
Saturday, 17 th July <i>Op. Mem. of Bl. John Sugar & Robert Grissold, Martyrs or of St. Kenelm, Prince of Mercia</i>	No Public Mass Today	
Sunday, 18 th July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 6.00 pm	<i>John Quigley - RIP</i> <i>Dennis McVeigh (Anniversary)</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass.

If you have recently moved into this parish, or if you are returning after lockdown, please come and say hello to me. Thank you.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Florinda Louise Turner** and the souls of all who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgr. John Power, Canon Francis J. Grady, Frs. Anthony Maguire, Seamus Hetherton, Gordon Hunter, John Molyneux, Plunkett Shannon, Edmund Whelan, Brian Halton, Geoffrey Wamsley, CO, Arthur Warburton and Philip Cleary, and also Onyema Anyanwu and William Craig. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Mass at Home. You are welcome to Sacred Heart for Mass, but if you wish to join us for Mass from your home, we can Zoom the Mass to you (please email me for a link). Alternatively, you could watch the Mass on Saturday, 5.30 pm, and/or Sunday, 11.00 am from Our Lady's where we are now live and can be viewed at <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>

Here is a prayer, **an Act of Spiritual Communion**, which you can say as you watch a Livestream Mass:

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You."

Prayer at the end of Mass:

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! *Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Please pray for those we know who are sick. If you are ill and you would like to ask for prayers on this newsletter, let me know.

Thank you for your prayers for me during the last week while I was on Retreat. It was an excellent Retreat with much to reflect on. I kept all of you in my prayers.

Sea Sunday. Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a collection at Masses this weekend for Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. For an appeal talk from Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday. To donate and for more information, please visit: www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Thank you.

Future Parish Events. As I am sure you will understand, it is very difficult to make definite plans for the near future, but here are a few ideas:

- **I mentioned the idea of a party last week. Unfortunately I think the date I suggested is a bit too quick bearing present conditions in mind, but towards the end of the summer (perhaps Sunday, 15th August) it would be great to have a parish party.** What I have in mind is a time when we can enjoy being back together as a parish family with no formal start or ending to proceedings. Just bring your own food, and come and go at your leisure between 12-4pm. Free tea, coffee, soft drinks and wine will be served throughout the afternoon.
- **A Day of Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers.**
- **A course for anyone who would like to be received into the Church or who would simply like to know more about the Faith.**
- **Bible Study or Prayer Groups**

Holy Communion For The Sick And Housebound. If you know of parishioners or family members who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please let me know. Or if you are a Eucharistic Minister who would like to resume your round, please have a chat with me.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

The Holy Father has designated 25th July the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Lianne Pap, the Marriage and Family Life Coordinator in the Diocese, has sent this message about Diocesan Initiatives:

- **Photos**

As a diocese I would like to compile some images of grandchildren giving their grandparents a hug (or a virtual hug if they are not able to meet in person). These can be emailed to me or I can be tagged on social media, <https://www.facebook.com/familyministrybrum>; <https://twitter.com/FamilyMinstry>.

- **Words of Wisdom**

What wise words do you remember that your grandparents or elderly have passed onto you?

- **Grandparents groups**

As a diocese I would like to establish parish-based grandparents groups which will be affiliated to the Catholic Grandparents Association. They would be for grandparents (& honorary grandparents) to meet monthly for prayer, encouragement in passing on the faith, ongoing formation and friendship.

Tailpiece: "The 23rd Channel":

*The TV is my shepherd,
there is nothing I shall want.
It makes me to lie down on the sofa.
It leads me in the paths of sex and violence.*

*Yeah, though I walk in the shadow of Christian responsibility,
there will be no interruption,
for the TV is with me.
Its cable and its remote control,
they comfort me.*

*It prepares a commercial for me
in the presence of my worldliness;
It anoints my head with humanism and consumerism;
my coveting runneth over.*

*Surely, laziness and superficiality shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house watching TV
for ever and ever.*

May God bless you and all those you love, and if you are following the football I hope you have a great evening.
Fr. Harry