



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd August, 2021

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Sunday, 22 nd August Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	9.00 am 6.00 pm	<i>Cecilia Michael</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>
Monday, 23 rd August <i>Feast of St. John Wall, Priest, Martyr</i> Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	9.15 am	<i>Mariyamma RIP</i>
Tuesday, 24 th August <i>Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i> Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	(9.15 am at Our Lady's)	<i>Mick McManus (Anniversary)</i>
Wednesday, 25 th August <i>Optional Memorials of St. Louis or</i> <i>St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest</i> Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	No Public Mass Today	
Thursday, 26 th August <i>Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi, Priest</i>	<i>6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction</i> 7.00 pm Mass	<i>John & Family (In Thanks)</i>
Friday, 27 th August <i>Memorial of St. Monica</i>	(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	<i>Anne Marie Lyons (Birthday)</i>
Saturday, 28 th August <i>Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	No Public Mass Today	
Sunday, 29 th August Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 6.00 pm	<i>Ernesto Madeire, Domingos</i> <i>Rebelo RIP</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass today.

If we haven't met already, please come and say hello to me. Thank 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 the repose of the soul of Brenda Browning, Maria Mirto, and the souls of all who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgr. Richard J. Foster, Frs. Alan Smith, Patrick Branagan, Francis Rowe, James Downey and Isaac William Savin, Deacon David McCarroll and Gabrielle Crawforth, Ezra Moore, Elizabeth Piercy, Adam Dennis Quelch, Peter King and Pietro Lindo. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Mass at Home. We are no longer streaming the Sunday morning Mass from Sacred Heart on Zoom. 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."

CAFOD responding to multiple emergencies across the world. CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. They are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, they are working to ensure the safety of their local partners and their communities. They are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters & brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped them to stand together and enable them to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

Happy feast of Onam to all those in our community from the Indian state of Kerala.

Your Parish Needs YOU!! Please join in.

Thank you to those who have returned their yellow leaflets. Please ask yourself if you would like to be part of the re-awakening of our parish and fill in the leaflet and leave it in the basket on the table.

Future Parish Events.

- **Parish Party.** I still have hopes of having a party for the whole parish when we could get together and re-awaken a sense of community. It could be a last blast of summer holiday! **No charge, but everyone can help!** Would anyone be willing to organise and run it, please?
- **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**

The Pope Francis Catholic MAC in the Archdiocese of Birmingham wants to appoint a Governance Manager. "The MAC currently comprises eleven Catholic schools in Oxfordshire, two secondary and nine primary schools. This is an exciting time of expansion as we work to secure and protect the future of Catholic education. As part of this expansion, we now have an exciting opportunity for a person with the right strategic knowledge, experience and skills to support the Catholic Senior Executive Leader (CSEL), Chair and PFMAC Board of Directors in realising and sustaining this vision. For further details and to apply, please follow this link: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/bgn-oxon>"

March for Life UK. March for Life UK is happening on Saturday, 4th September, in London. This is an actual, in-person event that will hopefully inspire, educate and motivate our nation to value all life from the moment of conception.

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

CAFOD: Urge Rishi Sunak to show climate leadership ahead of COP26. With just a few months to go to COP26, add your name to our call for the Chancellor to step up to the challenge and prevent communities who've done least to cause the climate crisis from paying the biggest cost.

<https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/85465/action/1>

***Novena Prayer for the
Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi***

O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will, in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church.

Mary, Mother of Holy Hope, Pray for us.

St. John Henry Newman, Pray for us.

Blessed Dominic Barberi, Pray for us.

Parish Census. It is important that our records are as accurate as they can be. If your family did not complete and return the forms last summer, please can I encourage you to do so now. If you would like a paper copy of the form, please ask me for one. If you would like an electronic copy, please email sacredheart.oxford@rcaob.org.uk. Please return the forms to Chris Beward either by email (preferred option) or by post, c/o Sacred Heart Church.

The annual diocesan **Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage** will take place on Saturday 9th October, 12.00 noon at St Chad's Cathedral. The Mass is open to all married couples, as well as those preparing to marry in 2021 but you will need to register a place via email – marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk Closing date to register for the Mass is 1st October.

Do you want to become a Catholic?

Do you know anyone who wants to be a Catholic?

Do you know anyone who is lapsed from their faith but would like to know more so that they can come back?

I am planning a series of meetings on Monday evenings at Our Lady's, Cowley, starting on 27th September at 7.00 pm. The meetings will be "live" in the hall, but they will also be Zoomed to people who do not want to attend in person. Everyone is welcome. Please extend an invitation to anyone you know who may be interested.

Tailpiece: This comment comes from a long-suffering parishioner (but hopefully not one in this parish): "Our priest's sermons always have a happy ending. The moment they've ended everyone feels happy."

May God bless you and all those you love.

Fr. Harry