



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday, 8 th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 6.00 pm	<i>Osvaldo Da Silva Jose, E. Oliveira, Gilberto, Nella, Francisco Amado</i>
Monday, 9 th August <i>Feast of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Martyr, Patron of Europe Day of Prayer for Europe</i>	<i>(9.15 am at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Dorothy Gardner (speedy recovery)</i>
Tuesday, 10 th August <i>Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr</i>	9.15 am Mass	<i>Patrick Bailey (Anniversary)</i>
Wednesday, 11 th August <i>Memorial of St. Clare, Virgin</i>	No Mass Today	
Thursday, 12 th August <i>Op. Mem. of St. Jane Frances de Chantal</i>	<i>6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass</i>	<i>Michael Cullen</i>
Friday, 13 th August <i>Op. Mem. of Blessed William Freeman, or St. Pontian & St. Hippolytus, Martyrs</i>	<i>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Maria Elvina Gonsalvez</i>
Saturday, 14 th August <i>Mem. of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Martyr</i>	No Public Mass Today	
Sunday, 15 th August Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00 am 6.00 pm	<i>Mary Doyle The People of the Parish</i>

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church.

If you have recently moved into this parish, or if you are returning after lockdown, 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 Margaret Magee, and the souls of all who have died recently, and whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgr. Canon Bernard Manion, Frs. Basil Lynch CO, Michael Day CO, Denis Manion, John Clavin, Thomas Dennison, Michael Francis McGrath, and Patrick Bailey, Patricia Daines, Sean O'Meara and Bridget (Bridie) Keane. 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."

COVID REGULATIONS.

- Hand sanitising is still **recommended**.
- Face coverings are still **strongly recommended** in church.
- Adequate ventilation is still a priority.
- The individual desire for social distancing still needs to be respected.
- Holy water fonts are to remain unfilled.
- The sign of peace remains suspended.
- As long as the Test, Track and Trace system is operational, QR codes will remain clearly visible and parishioners should sign in on the sheets provided if they are not using an app.
- Holy Communion will continue to be given under one Kind.
- Congregational singing may be reintroduced Musicians, please take note (no pun intended), **but those who want to join in with the singing should wear a mask at this time.**

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still suspended. The Bishops' Conference hopes that it will be reintroduced on the 1st Sunday of Advent (28th November).

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:

- **Parish Party.** It has been pointed out to me that the date I chose for our party, in the middle of August, may not be a good one for many of you. Perhaps it would be a good idea to postpone it until September when everyone is back and we are able to celebrate together.
- **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**

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

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 Breward either by email (preferred option) or by post, c/o Sacred Heart Church.

Annual Novena of Prayer for the Cause of Blessed Dominic Barberi. The annual Novena of Prayer in the Archdiocese will begin on 18th August and end on the Feast of Blessed Dominic, 26th August.

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.

Your Parish Needs YOU!! Please join in.

So many ministries and activities have been “mothballed” during the lockdowns that I don’t really know who does what normally. So can I start asking for help, please? Last week I gave out yellow leaflets inviting you to volunteer for different things. It is the chance to re-start things, or perhaps to start something new in the parish. 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 box in the church porch by the end of August.

Next Sunday. If you use a Sunday Missal to prepare and follow the prayers and readings of the Sunday Mass, please note that next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven.

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. Further details to follow.

Tailpiece: Two small boys were on their way home from school where they had been learning about the importance of saying their prayers. One was doubtful if his mother said her nightly prayers, but the other little chap was quite certain about it. “Oh, yes,” he said. “My Mummy prays every night. As soon as I go to bed I hear her say, ‘Thank God!’”

May God bless you and all those you love.
Fr. Harry