



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th September, 2021

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Sunday, 26 th September Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year <i>Day of Prayer of thanksgiving for the harvest</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> 9.00 am Mass 6.00 pm Mass	<i>James McVeigh (Anniv.)</i> <i>Cosme Ximens, A Fatima, A Henrique & F Resquita</i>
Monday, 27 th September <i>Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> 9.15 am Mass	<i>Ross and Doyle Families</i>
Tuesday, 28 th September <i>Op. Mem. of St. Wenceslaus or Ss. Lawrence Ruiz & Comps, Martyrs</i>	<i>7.30 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Nan Mooney (10th Anniv.)</i>
Wednesday, 29 th September <i>Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels</i>	No Public Mass Today	
Thursday, 30 th September <i>Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest</i>	<i>6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction</i> 7.00 pm Mass	<i>Rolly Balbag</i>
Friday, 1 st October <i>Memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus</i> CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Arthur Upham (Anniv.)</i>
Saturday, 2 nd October <i>Memorial of the Guardian Angels</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> No Public Mass Today	
Sunday, 3 rd October Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> 9.00 am Mass 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Nailou. Coulai & Kuluma</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 you are here with us for the first time today, welcome. If you are returning to Mass after a period of time away because of the pandemic, welcome back! It is lovely to see you again today. If you are a new student at Oxford or Oxford Brookes University, welcome to Oxford and to our parish. Welcome too to returning students whose digs this year are in our parish. We would love you to make your home with us during your time at university.

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.

First Friday. This Friday is the first of the month. We shall pray the Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart on Thursday evening during Exposition and Benediction.

Please pray for 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.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Br. Ambrose May OFM Cap, Deacon Michael McGrail, Brian Harper, Nuala Scarisbrick, Doreen Watkins, Pamela Campbell and all who have died recently or whose anniversaries occur at this time: Pope John Paul I, Mgrs. Michael McTernan and Henry Farrelly, Canon Peter Reilly, Frs. Gordon Banks, Paul Orchard, Edward Cotter, Laurence Daly, Denis Mary Egan, Luke Magee CP, William McGann, John Nightingale, Deacons Anthony (Tony) Colby and John Burrows and also Rebecca Clarke and Joseph Cleary. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Br. Ambrose May OFM Cap RIP. Br. Ambrose passed away peacefully at Greyfriars Friary. He was born in Oxford just over 88 years ago in Cowley Road and most recently has been parish priest at Greyfriars until 2011. The Requiem Mass will be at St Edmund and St Frideswide, 182 Iffley Rd, Oxford, OX4 1SB tomorrow, Monday, 27th September, 10.00 am.

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."

Gift Aid Donors. There are still envelopes that gift aid donors have not picked up yet. It is essential that you use your envelopes for your offertory, otherwise we cannot claim the tax back on your weekly offerings.

Secondly, we need to know if you are no longer paying tax, so that we can take you off our records. If you have moved house in the past 2 years, we need an up-to-date address for you. **We need this information as soon as possible so that we can send in our claim for the year 2020/21.**

We would like to encourage all taxpayers, who do not at present gift aid their offerings to the church, to consider doing so, please. For more information or to sign up for gift aiding, contact Sally McVeigh on 01865 779078.

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.

First Holy Communion Preparation. As you know, the pandemic has messed up our usual calendar of preparation. There have been only a few who have contacted me about preparing for Holy Communion this term. It is not good to try to run the classes for just a few children, so we shall leave it until after Christmas and offer instruction to all the children together.

Justice & Peace Online Assembly 2021 will take place on Zoom over 4 days:

Session 1, Monday, 27th September;
Session 2, Wednesday, 29th September;
Session 3, Friday, 1st October;
Session 4, Sun 3rd October.

All sessions begin at 7.30pm. The Assembly is entitled Let us Dream: "The Path to a Better Future". Book online at <https://bit.ly/JandP2021>



Baptisms: Parents, if you have been delaying arranging your child's Baptism because of Covid you can now ask me and we can welcome your child properly into the family of the Church.

Weddings. The same can be said about the Sacrament of Matrimony. We can now make plans, so please come and have a chat with me.

Vacancy for a Headteacher. The Archdiocese of Birmingham in partnership with The Pope Francis Catholic Multi Academy Company wish to appoint a Headteacher for Blessed George Napier School in Banbury for Easter 2022 start or January, if available. For further information and to apply, please use this link: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/bgn-oxon/>

CATHOLICISM MADE SIMPLE

Starting tomorrow, Monday, at 7.00 pm, there will be a series of meetings on Monday evenings for anyone who wants to know more about the Catholic Faith. The meetings will be "live" in the Don Bosco Centre at Our Lady's Catholic Church on Hollow way, but they may also be Zoomed to people who do not want to attend in person (please email me for an invitation if you wish this). Everyone is welcome.

CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day, next Friday, 1st October. Next Friday we are asked to give up some food and give the money that we save to help CAFOD in their work among people who do not have a choice about whether they go hungry. Thank you.

Pope's Prayer Intention for October: Missionary Disciples. We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being a witness of a life flavoured by the Gospel.

Father Hudson's Care. At Masses this weekend, there will be a second collection for Father Hudson's Care to support their mission of supporting vulnerable people across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Father Hudson's reaches out to people of all ages who need support at times of adversity. Please call 01675 434000 if you would like to donate outside of Mass this year or visit [Donate | Father Hudson's Care \(fatherhudsons.org.uk\)](https://fatherhudsons.org.uk) to give online. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

Tailpiece: Something a bit different this week. When Our Lord was crucified there was a notice over His head written in Latin, Greek and Hebrew. Where or when could you come across a combination of those three languages today? A small prize for the first person who brings me the right answer – which is what I say it is!

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