



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th July, 2022

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Sunday, 17 th July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass (9.00 am Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's) (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Jim McGuire Danny Lyons (Anniversary) Edouard Miguel
Monday, 18 th July	No Public Mass Today	<i>Doyle and Ross Family</i>
Tuesday, 19 th July	No Public Mass Today	<i>Special Intention</i>
Wednesday, 20 th July <i>Op. Mem. of St. Apollinaris, Martyr</i>	No Public Mass Today	<i>Special Intention</i>
Thursday, 21 st July <i>Op. Mem. of St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Doctor of the Church</i>	No Public Mass Today	Denis McVeigh
Friday, 22 nd July <i>Feast of St. Mary Magdalene</i>	No Public Mass Today	<i>Special Intention</i>
Saturday, 23 rd July <i>Op. Mem. of St. Bridget of Sweden</i>	(Saturday Vigil Mass: 5.30 pm at Our Lady's)	<i>Special Intention</i>
Sunday, 24 th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Blair Family</i> <i>Special Intention</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass today.

Please note: for reasons beyond my control (see below) there will be no weekday public Masses and no Confessions at Sacred Heart or Our Lady's this week. I shall celebrate Mass privately and offer the intentions that have been requested.

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Brenda O'Meara, Claudino Serra Vaz, Phil Bawden, Kevin and Hilary Kirby, David, Barry Holland, Betty Duff and Eileen McGarry and all those we know who are sick.

Please pray for the souls of Sr. Rose Cavanagh FMA, Bridget Cherry, Robert Jackson, Colin Mold, Duarte Coito, Fr. George Grynowski and all who have died recently, and also all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Peter Joseph Ryall, Canon Laurence Kelly, Frs. Geoffrey Wamsley CO, Arthur Warburton, Philip Cleary, Liam Peter O'Connor, Thomas Rock, and Albert Leo Kelly and Onyema Anyanwu and William Craig. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

Mass at Home. If you are not able to come to Mass you could watch it on Saturday, 5.30 pm, and/or Sunday, 11.00 am from Our Lady's where it is livestreamed at <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>. Here is a prayer that you can say when you watch the 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 Before Mass:

God our Father, you sent Jesus, our High Priest, to redeem us and you willed that His saving work should continue through the ministry of priests. Enlighten us to celebrate this Sunday Mass with our priest, so that, empowered by the Word of life and the Eucharist, we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to live to the full our Christian calling. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

Sacred Heart Grand Prize Draw.

The draw will take place on 24th July. Great prizes.

There are no more tickets available – well done everyone – but please return your ticket stubs, along with the money, to Sally McVeigh TODAY.

COVID. I thought it was only a matter of time before the lurgy got me and I am sorry to say that I tested positive last Friday. That means that I cannot be around this weekend. Because of the uncertainty about when I shall be able to emerge from quarantine I have not put down any public Masses this week, either in Sacred Heart or in Our Lady's, but I hope that I shall be up and about again next weekend. I am feeling fine(-ish), but naturally I can't meet anyone for a few days.

Mill Hill Missionaries. If I had to pick a weekend to get COVID I couldn't have done better than this one because a Priest is already booked to come and celebrate the Masses this weekend. Please welcome Fr. Brian Oswald from the Mill Hill Missionaries who do the Red Boxes. He was already going to celebrate two of the Masses, and now he has kindly agreed to celebrate the two at Sacred Heart and the two at Our Lady's. He is here to thank everyone for the support that you give and he will also be appealing for supporters to help the work of missionaries.

Let's have a day out at the seaside!

Would you like a Parish Day Trip to Bournemouth on Tuesday 26th July?

Leave Sacred Heart at

10.00 am and we should be back to Sacred Heart by 8.15 pm.

Price: Adults £25, children £12.

Great fun for all the family.

Nestled in a sheltered bay on the South Coast of England, there are plenty of things to do in Bournemouth and seven miles of sandy beaches for you to enjoy. There are also plenty of places to visit, whatever the weather. There are museums, galleries, amusement arcades, a climbing centre and beach-to-shore zip-wire, mini golf, play parks, and an oceanarium.

Places are filling up, so if you wish to go please sign up this weekend. I should appreciate it if you could bring the payment next weekend. Thank you.

March For Life UK. The annual March for Life will be held in London on Saturday, 3rd September. For information go to: <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/>

School Holidays: As the schools close for the summer we wish children and staff an enjoyable and safe holiday.

Diaconate Ordinations. This Sunday afternoon I had intended to be at St. Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham for the Ordinations of Andrew Lansberry and Martin Casey as Permanent Deacons. Please pray for them and for their families. May God bless them in their ministry.

Day of Prayer for Vocations. A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make it possible last Monday to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for some part of the day. God bless you all.

My Day By Day Book for July is now available at the back of church (price £1).

A Message from the Youth service in the Diocese: LIFETIME SUMMER CAMP 2022, 24th-28th July. Do you have your first week of the summer holidays planned? If not then please join us for 5 days of fun and activities where young Catholics gain formation and friendships. Stay in our beautiful castle! Home-cooked food, wild and crazy games. You can enjoy a day at Alton Towers, spend time biking and trekking, celebrate daily Mass and have the opportunity for reconciliation. This year we have archery, campfires and a surprise day trip to a secret location and so much more. An amazing opportunity for anyone aged 12-18 years! If you have any further questions and for prices and booking, please contact Beccy (beccy.roseman@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk).

The Sower. The latest edition of the Diocesan newsletter, *The Sower*, is available as you leave the church today. Please take your free copy.

The Relics of St. Bernadette. Over the weekend of October 7th – 10th the relics of St Bernadette, to whom Our Lady appeared in Lourdes in 1858, will be visiting the Archdiocese. They will be in Immaculate Conception, Bicester, St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham, and Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford. This is an opportunity to pray in the presence of the relics of this remarkable woman and draw close to Our Lady. Further details will be available nearer the time.

Tailpiece: A man was seen running wildly down the length of a train from compartment to compartment shouting, "Is there a Catholic priest on the train?" When he had reached the end he turned around and went back shouting, "Is there an Anglican vicar on board?" There was no response until he reached the last compartment where a man stood up and said, "I'm a Methodist minister. Can I be of any help?" "No, you're no use at all," replied the man. "I want to borrow a corkscrew!"

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