



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th July, 2022

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Sunday, 24 th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly</i>	<i>(Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm at Our Lady's)</i> 9.00 am Mass <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Special Intention</i> <i>Blair Family</i> <i>Tarla Bianco Fonseca</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>
Monday, 25 th July <i>Feast of St. James, Apostle</i>	11.00 am Requiem Mass	<i>Duarte Coito</i>
Tuesday, 26 th July <i>Mem. of St. Joachim & St. Anne</i>	9.00 am Mass	<i>Denis Barry (Anniversary)</i>
Wednesday, 27 th July <i>Mem. of Bl. Robert Sutton</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> <i>(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Deceased O'Dwyer Family (JA)</i>
Thursday, 28 th July	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> <i>6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction</i> <i>7.00 pm Mass</i>	<i>In Thanksgiving (John Family)</i>
Friday, 29 th July <i>Mem. of Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> <i>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Marie Armstrong</i>
Saturday, 30 th July <i>Op. Mem. of St Peter Chrysologus</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> <i>(Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Anne D'Souza</i>
Sunday, 31 st July Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> 9.00 am Mass <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Cecilia Michael</i> <i>John White (Anniversary)</i> <i>Antonio M da Silva & Rose M da Silva</i>
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm</i>		

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass today.

This Sunday is the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Pope Francis' theme of the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly comes from Psalm 92, "In old age they will still bear fruit", to emphasise how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for ecclesial communities.

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 Bridget Cherry, Colin Mold, Duarte Coito, Gerald Amantrading, and all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Frs. Anthony Owen, Euan Henderson, Joseph Tynan, Denis O'Shea, Basil Wrighton and Thomas Michael Duffy, Deacons Frank Lockett and Ernie Titchmarsh, and also Noreen Griffin, Valerie (Val) Griffiths, Joseph Costa, Maria Mirto and Abie Doherty. 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.

Because many of the tickets have not yet been returned, the draw will now take place after the 9.00 am Mass next Sunday, 31st July. Please return your ticket stubs, along with the money, to Sally McVeigh TODAY.

COVID. I really hope that I shall be clear of Covid soon, but because I was still testing positive on Friday I have asked Fr. Brian McCuarta to come to Sacred Heart to celebrate the 9.00 am Mass this weekend. I am very grateful to him for agreeing to come at such short notice.

Thank you to everyone for your kind wishes and support. I am happy to say that I only had mild symptoms and I am looking forward to being back with 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/>

Parish Day Trip to Bournemouth this Tuesday, 26th July.

We now fully booked for this trip. If you have booked, please be at here at Sacred Heart, ready to leave at 10.00 on Tuesday morning. We are aiming to be back to

Sacred Heart by 8.15 pm

Price: Adults £25, children £12.

Let's pray for good weather.

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, for some of that time. 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.

Novena for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi. Thursday 18 August 2022 marks the beginning of the Diocesan Novena to pray for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi. The Novena of Prayer lasts for nine days and concludes on his feast day on Friday 26 August. The annual Novena of Prayer for the Cause of Blessed Dominic Barberi is a moment to pause and to appreciate the work of this holy Passionist in our Archdiocese and to pray for his Canonisation.

New Priests. Congratulations to Deacon Toby Duckworth and Deacon Stephen Fleming who will be ordained to the Priesthood for this Diocese by Archbishop Bernard at St Chad's Cathedral this weekend. *Ad multos annos* – to many years.

Summer holidays. If you are going away over the next few weeks, have a lovely time. If you want to know where the nearest Catholic Church is, and what time they have Mass, please ask me.

A Message from the Archbishop.

An independent review undertaken by the charity Barnardo's on behalf of the Archdiocese of Birmingham in relation to the management of concerns about Joseph Quigley, a priest in the Archdiocese, is now available on the Diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk.

The Trustees of the Archdiocese of Birmingham have accepted this review and its 18 recommendations in full and you can also see the full response on the website. As an institution it is for the present Bishops and Trustees to take corporate responsibility, to apologise, learn and ensure best safeguarding practice now and in the future. There has been a significant amount of positive change in Diocesan safeguarding practice. However, these recommendations will help inform ongoing learning and improvement within the Archdiocese.

Pope's Prayer Intention for August: For small businesses. We pray for small and medium-sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities.

Remember: refreshments are available after the Sunday 9.00 am Mass in the parish hall. Come and have a chat with friends and make new ones.

Tailpiece: A priest was leading an RE lesson with a class of children:

"Now, supposing you were to die in a state of mortal sin, where would you go, Johnny?"

"Hell, Father."

"That's right! And whatever would you do then?"

"Go to Confession, Father"

"Go to Confession? And who would you go to for Confession?"

"You, Father!"

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