



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st August, 2022

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Sunday, 21 st August Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	(Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm at Our Lady's) 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Cornelius Gunning</i> <i>Sr. Philomena</i> <i>Antonietta and Pepe Aprea</i> <i>Mariyamma</i>
Monday, 22 nd August <i>Mem. of the Queenship of Our Lady</i> Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	<i>No Public Mass Today</i>	<i>The People of the Parish</i>
Tuesday, 23 rd August <i>Feast of St. John Wall, Priest, Martyr</i> Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	<i>No Public Mass Today</i>	<i>Kitty Davies</i>
Wednesday, 24 th August <i>Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i> Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	<i>No Public Mass Today</i>	<i>Private Intention</i>
Thursday, 25 th August <i>Op. Mem. of St. Louis or St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest</i> Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	<i>No Public Mass Today</i>	<i>Private Intention</i>
Friday, 26 th August <i>Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi</i>	<i>No Public Mass Today</i>	<i>Private Intention</i>
Saturday, 27 th August <i>Memorial of St. Monica</i>	(Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm at Our Lady's)	<i>Anne Marie Lyons (Birthday)</i>
Sunday, 28 th August Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Annette Wager</i> <i>Kathleen McCarthy (Anniv.)</i> <i>Martinho Amaral</i>

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass today.

Welcome and thank you to Fr. David Goodill OP, from Blackfriars, who has kindly agreed to come to celebrate this weekend's Masses here at Sacred Heart and also at Our Lady's.

Please pray for the soul of **Paul Watts** and all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Richard J. Foster, Canon Bernard Cusworth, Frs. Alan Smith, Patrick Branagan, Francis Rowe and James Downey, Deacons Peter Kilgallon and David McCarroll, and also Annie Ryan, Gabrielle Crawford, Ezra Moore, Elizabeth (Betty) Piercy, Adam Dennis Quelch, Peter King and Kathleen McCarthy. 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.

Future events. There will be more information later, but please make sure you have these dates in your diaries:

1. A CAFOD Parish Day of Recollection. Saturday 24th September, 10.30 -3.30, at Our Lady's church, in the Don Bosco Centre. This Day will be based on the CAFOD "Seven Station Journey" and will help us to reflect on how we use the blessings of God.
2. A Parish day out to Douai Abbey, with Mass, a tour and a talk. Tuesday, 11th October. Douai Abbey is a Benedictine Abbey at Upper Woolhampton, near Thatcham, Berkshire. It is about 36 miles from here.
3. A Day for Parish Readers. Saturday, 19th November, 10.00-4.00 in Our Lady's church and the Don Bosco Centre. During Mass it is the role of the Reader to proclaim the Word of God. It is not like reading anything else. This Day for Readers will give some practical help for reading, and also some spiritual input as we approach Advent. If you are a reader or would like to be one (I should welcome new readers), please make sure this date is in your diary.

The Relics of St. Bernadette, to whom Our Lady appeared at Lourdes in 1858, will be visiting the Archdiocese and will be in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Bicester, on the 9th and 10th October. This will be a chance to pray in the presence of St Bernadette's relics and draw closer to Our Lady. To book your visit: <https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/#birmingham-diocese>

VISIT OF ST BERNADETTE'S RELICS:

Programme:

Sunday, 9th October 2022

9.00 pm	Arrival & Prayers of welcome
9.15 pm to Midnight	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	Veneration of the Relics & Rosary
	Candle-lit procession

12 Midnight Holy Mass

Monday 10th October 2022

7.00 am	Veneration of the Relics
8.00 am	Morning Prayer
8.15 am – 9.00 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Veneration of the Relics
10.00 am	Rosary – livestreaming to all Catholic Schools guided by: Archbishop Bernard Longley
10.30 am to 12.45 pm	Anointing of the sick
1.00 pm	Concelebrated Mass - Bishop David Evans

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/>

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Pope Francis has established 1st September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. This is the start of the Season of Creation (1st September to 4th October). To see his message and/or a summary, go to www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/News/pope-francis-issues-message-ahead-of-season-of-creation.

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Barry Holland, Betty Duff and Eileen McGarry and all those we know who are sick.

Annual Novena of Prayer for the Cause of Blessed Dominic Barberi. The annual Novena of Prayer in the Archdiocese begins this week, on Thursday, 18th August, and it goes on until the Feast of Blessed Dominic, 26th August. Please join the Archbishop and the family of the Diocese as we say the Novena Prayer:

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.

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

Tailpiece: Once Pope John XXIII visited the Hospital of the Holy Spirit in Rome, which is administered by nuns. Deeply moved by the Papal visitation, the Mother Superior introduced herself, "Holy Father, I am the Superior of the Holy Spirit." "Well, I must say you are fortunate," replied the Pope. "I'm only the Vicar of Christ".

May God bless you and all those whom you love.

Fr. Harry