



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th September, 2022

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| Sunday, 11 th September Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Education Day | (Saturday Vigil: 5.30 pm at Our Lady's) 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 1.00 pm Baptism 2.00 pm Baptism (4.30 pm Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass | <i>The Barry Family (Ints)</i> Tony Donovan Richard Carroll Marley Nelson Elijah Blake Cummins Theresia Laru. Estanislau and Pascoela da Silva |
| Monday, 12 th September <i>Optional Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary</i> | 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass | <i>Special Intention</i> |
| Tuesday, 13 th September <i>Mem. of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop</i> | 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's) | <i>The People of the Parish</i> |
| Wednesday, 14 th September <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> | No Public Mass Today | <i>Mr M. E. Connolly</i> |
| Thursday, 15 th September <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows</i> | 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass | <i>Thomas - RIP</i> |
| Friday, 16 th September <i>Memorial of St. Cornelius, Pope, and St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i> | 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's) | <i>Martin and Jo Borthwick</i> |
| Saturday, 17 th September <i>Op. Mem. of St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, or of St. Hildegard of Bingen</i> | 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (12.00 noon Baptism at Our Lady's) (Saturday Vigil: 5.30 pm at Our Lady's) | <i>Cillian Molloy Maria Soares Cardoso</i> |
| Sunday, 18 th September Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Evangelii Gaudium Sunday</i> (formerly known as Home Mission Sunday) | 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) (3.00 pm Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass | <i>Anne O'Neill Lawrence & Denise Borthwick</i> <i>Tusin T vilva Nova & GM Mesquita - RIP</i> |
| Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm | | |

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass today.

Please pray for the soul of Queen Elizabeth II, Paul Watts, Catherine Sheridan and the souls of all who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Archbishop George Patrick Dwyer, Canons Robert Nicholson and Peter McKenna, Frs. Dominic Round, Guy Colman, Richard Dinnis, Patrick Meagher and William Alfred Oddie, and also Billy Durkin and Andrew McGregor. 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.'



Most Reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham prays for the Repose of the Soul of Queen Elizabeth II and for the new monarch, King Charles III and the Queen Consort.

*O Lord, you have been our refuge, from one generation to the next. (Psalm 90:1)
Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I shall give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)*

As we digest the news of the past day, these two passages from the Bible speak to me of Her Majesty the Queen's remarkable life of duty and service, as she lays down the burden of her years and begins a new life in God's presence for ever. Although the Queen's life has been long and full, this is still a time of sadness, first of all for her family, but also for so many people who have admired the Queen's dignity and dedication throughout her life.

In particular, as people of faith, we have valued her frequent references to her own faith in Christ, which has given her strength and guidance in all the circumstances of her life. Her death is the fulfilment of a long and fruitful life and we commend her soul to the loving mercy of God. We pray for her and for all those who mourn her loss, especially her family. In the midst of his own sadness, I pray for our new sovereign King Charles III, as he assumes his new responsibilities, and for the Queen Consort who stands by his side. I pray for our country at this time: that the Kingdom of God which is our final destination may influence our life on earth and our hope of Heaven.

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Barry Holland, Richard Hansen, Rosalind Ingrams, Betty Duff and Eileen McGarry and all those we know who are sick. If you or someone you know is sick and would like to be included on this newsletter, please let me know.

Education Sunday. Today is Education Sunday when we are asked to pray for the work of Catholic education across the schools of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. There will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service at Masses this weekend.

A Parish Day of Recollection during the Season of Creation, led by me but based on the CAFOD "Seven Station Journey", on Saturday, 24th September, 10.30-3.30, in the Don Bosco Centre. At Our Lady's Church Light refreshments will be available. Bring your own lunch. Leaflets are available for more information.

Anniversary List: If you would like a deceased family member or friend to be remembered in the bulletin during the week of the anniversary of their death please let me know in writing, or email their name and the date of their anniversary to: fr.harry.curtis@rcaob.org.uk.

A Parish Day Out to Douai Abbey, Tuesday 11th October. Leave Our Lady's at 10.00 am, returning around 7.30 pm. Cost: £15.00 (donation to the Abbey). Douai Abbey is a monastery of the English Benedictine Congregation, based at Woolhampton, near Thatcham, Berkshire. We shall have Mass and join the Community for Midday Prayer; lunch (please bring a packed lunch). After lunch one of the community will show us around the Church and Library and explain their life at Douai, their history and vocation. Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm and leave around 6.30 pm. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church. To keep costs down we will be going in cars. Could you please indicate on the sheet if you can offer a lift or need a lift. Thank you.

Baptism: today we welcome Marley Nelson and Elijah Blake Cummins into the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for them and for their families.

A Day for Parish Readers. Saturday, 19th November, 10.00-4.00 in Our Lady's church and the Don Bosco Centre. If you are a reader or would like to be one 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. To book your visit go to: <https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/#birmingham-diocese>.

Instructions in the Catholic Faith: If you would like to become a Catholic – maybe you have not been baptised, or baptised in another Denomination, or baptised but not received the Sacrament of Confirmation – please come and have a word with me or call me.

Christmas Fete: We haven't had one of these since before Covid, but this year we should like to have one on Saturday, 26th November. If you feel you could help with planning or in any way please let me know.

Remember: refreshments are available in the hall after the 9.00 am Mass on Sundays.

Tailpiece: Bishop Douglas Feaver was presiding at his first Diocesan Synod Meeting. After a member had been droning on at some length someone at the back of the hall stood up to protest that they couldn't hear what was being said. Bishop Douglas replied, "You should thank God and sit down."

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