



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th September, 2022

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Sunday, 18 th September Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (formerly known as Home Mission Sunday)</i>	<i>(Saturday Vigil: 5.30 pm at Our Lady's)</i> 7.45am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <i>(3.00 pm Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Maria Soares Cardoso</i> <i>Anne O'Neill</i> <i>Lawrence & Denise Borthwick</i> <i>Tusin T. vila Nova & G.M. Mesquita - RIP</i>
Monday, 19 th September <i>Op. Mem. of St Theodore of Canterbury, or of St. Januarius</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> 9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart (10.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)	<i>Mary Doyle (Special Int.)</i> <i>HM Queen Elizabeth II</i>
Tuesday, 20 th September <i>Mem. of St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Comps., Martyrs</i>	7.15 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (8.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)	<i>Kitty Davies (Get Well)</i>
Wednesday, 21 st September <i>Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist</i>	<i>No Public Mass Today</i>	<i>The People of the Parish</i>
Thursday, 22 nd September	<i>6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction</i> 7.00 pm Mass	<i>John McVeigh</i>
Friday, 23 rd September <i>Memorial of St. Pio of Pietrelcina</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> <i>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>People & Peace in Ukraine</i>
Saturday, 24 th September <i>Mem. of Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm	<i>Joseph & Theresa (wedding)</i>
Sunday, 25 th September Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day of Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Harvest</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(9.00 am Mass at Sacred Heart)</i> 11.00 am Mass 1.00 pm Baptisms <i>(6.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>James McVeigh</i> <i>Mary & Michael Crown</i> <i>Olivia & Maja Wesolowska</i> <i>Andersen</i> <i>Carlos & Hilaria Monteiro</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass today.

Today is *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* (formerly known as *Home Mission Sunday*) – a day when our Bishops invite parishes to pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales. There will be a second collection at Masses this weekend to support the Bishops' work of evangelisation. Here in England, in Oxford, in our own parish, there is a pressing need for Catholics (that's you and me) to discover a renewed missionary impulse which reaches out to people who have never known Christ and his Gospel as well as to baptised Catholics who have lost a living sense of faith. The mission territory of the Church is all the world; the families and communities of this part of Oxford is ours!

The Queen's funeral. The Mass here at Sacred Heart on Monday will be a bit earlier than usual – at 9.00 am instead of 9.15 am – and then I invite you to join me for breakfast around 10.30 at Our Lady's, in the Don Bosco Centre, where we can watch the funeral together and share some fellowship.

Please pray for the soul of Fr. Paul Devaney, Catherine Sheridan and the souls of all who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time: Canons David Mellor, Leo Twiney and Albert J. J. Adams, Frs. John Lopes, Alan Leslie Holtham, Peter Lees, John David Steward, John Hanrahan, John Roddy, Bernard McAllister, John Love, Peter Lloyd and John Bale, and also Thomas Bolger. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.



For the happy repose of HM The Queen.

Almighty God, You are the author and sustainer of all human life; grant that your servant, Elizabeth our Queen, whom you granted a long and happy reign as Monarch of these lands may be forgiven her sins and rewarded with that eternal life promised to all those born again in the water of baptism and power of your Spirit. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit God, forever and ever, Amen.

Eternal rest, grant to her O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

On Friday Cardinal Vincent took part in an Audience with King Charles who had invited senior faith leaders to Buckingham Palace. During the Audience, the King spoke to Cardinal Vincent who assured him that the Catholic community had continued, during these days of mourning, in heartfelt prayer for his mother, the late Queen Elizabeth. In response, His Majesty asked Cardinal Vincent to ensure that the Catholics of England and Wales know of his thanks and gratitude for these prayers and the Cardinal would be pleased if the King's message could be conveyed to the people of our parishes.

Prayer Cards with the prayers for Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth, for the Royal Family and for King Charles III are available at the back of church. At the end of Mass today we shall recite the prayer for Her Majesty.

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.

A Parish Day of Recollection, in the Don Bosco Centre at Our Lady's church, 10.30-3.30 next Saturday. It will be based on the CAFOD "Seven Station Journey". 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 we shall have a tour and talk. 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.

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.

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.

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>.

Christmas Bazaar: 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: A priest was once out visiting in his country parish, and after a long trek he eventually arrived at the door of a farmhouse. "It's a very long lane to your farm," he complained to the farmer. "Aye, 'tis," was the reply, "but if it were any shorter it wouldn't reach."

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

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."