



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th September, 2022

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Sunday, 25 th September Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day of Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Harvest</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>(Baptisms at Our Lady's)</i> 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Joseph & Theresa (wedding)</i> <i>James McVeigh</i> <i>Mary & Michael Crown</i> <i>Olivia & Maja Wesolowska</i> <i>Andersen</i> <i>Carlos & Hilaria Monteiro</i>
Monday, 26 th September <i>Op. Mem. of Ss. Cosmas & Damian</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> 9.15 am Mass	<i>Dorothy Gardener (Spec. Int.)</i>
Tuesday, 27 th September <i>Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> <i>(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Maryanne Borthwick (get well)</i>
Wednesday, 28 th September <i>Op. Mem. of St. Wenceslaus, or Ss. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions</i>	<i>No Public Mass Today</i>	<i>The People of the Parish</i>
Thursday, 29 th September <i>Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels</i>	<i>6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction</i> 7.00 pm Mass	<i>Middleton & Murphy Families - Special Intention</i>
Friday, 30 th September <i>Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> <i>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Filomeno da Cruz Martins</i>
Saturday, 1 st October <i>Mem. of St. Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm	<i>In Thanksgiving (to the Sacred Heart)</i>
Sunday, 2 nd October Twenty-seventh 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>Eileen McGroarty</i> <i>Mary Mist (Anniversary)</i> <i>Cecilia Michael</i>
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm</i>		

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass today.

Our Parish Prayer: *Help us, Lord, to receive you with an open heart this day.*

May our community receive your grace and deepen its faith in you.

Make us lights to shine forth with your love, giving life and hope to those who have fallen away or who have never known you.

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.

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: HH Pope John Paul I, Mgrs. Michael McTernan and Henry Farrelly, Canon Peter Reilly, Frs. Gordon Banks, Paul Orchard, Edward Cotter, Laurence Daly, Denis Mary Egan, Luke Magee CP and William McGann, Deacons Michael McCormack, Anthony (Tony) Colby and John Burrows and also Robert Ghartey. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

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.

Pope's Prayer Intention for October: for a Church open to everyone. We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

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). We shall have Mass and join the Community for Midday Prayer. After lunch (please bring a packed 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. Could you please indicate on the sheet if you can offer a lift or need a lift. Thank you.

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 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, 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>. *Choirs from neighbouring parishes are invited to join in at the 1pm Concelebrated Mass on Monday 10th October, which will be celebrated at the end of St Bernadette's Relics visit. A rehearsal will take place at The Immaculate Conception, Bicester on Sunday 2 October from 2pm-4pm. The contact emails are: Anne Kearsley amk5353@yahoo.co.uk or Michael Liddell mbl@oggs.org.uk*

Newman Night Walk from Oxford to Littlemore, (commemorating the arrival of Bl. Dominic Barberi and the anniversary of St. John Henry Newman's Reception into the Catholic Church), will take place on Saturday 8th October, from the Oratory to Bl. Dominic Barberi Church. Please see poster for more details.

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.'

Mass for the Sick. There will be a special Mass, with the Anointing of the Sick, on Saturday 8th October at 11.00 am. Please pass this on to anyone who is poorly.

Message from Stella Maris: "Thank you for your recent generous support for seafarers and fishers on Sea Sunday. Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) invites you to join a webinar on Tuesday 27th September from 7.30-9.30 pm to learn more about the issue of seafarer abandonment, and how donations like yours are supporting those in crisis. Please register in advance at www.stellamaris.org.uk/abandonment"

At Masses this weekend, there will be a second collection for Father Hudson's Care. They care for the elderly, for those with learning, physical and sensory disabilities, for children and families and also provide fostering and community projects. They work with homeless people, refugees and migrants, and people experiencing social isolation. They work with people of all faiths and none, without favour or discrimination. Please call 01675 434000 if you would like to donate outside of Mass or visit [Donate | Father Hudson's Care \(fatherhudsons.org.uk\)](http://Donate | Father Hudson's Care (fatherhudsons.org.uk)) to give online. Please give as generously as you can to this worthy cause.

Mini Craft Fair in the Mornese Centre at Elmthorpe Convent on Saturday 15th October, 2.00-4.00 pm. The gates will open at 2.00 pm. All are welcome, but there is no parking at the convent. You are welcome to park at Our Lady's church. All proceeds will go to support Emmaus fighting homelessness around Cowley.

Christmas Bazaar: on Saturday, 26th November. If you feel you could help in any way please let me know.

My Day By Day Booklets. The October edition of these booklets, which give the daily Mass readings, are available at the back of church (£1).

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

Tailpiece: This intriguing little notice appeared in the *Banbury Guardian* a few years ago: "The Vicar, the Rev. C. O. Marston, reported an increase in the number of communicants during the year. He also stated that the death watch beetle had been confirmed in the church."

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