



# Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

## *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### *2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2023*

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Sunday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> July <b>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>7.45 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>9.00 am Mass</b> (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) (1.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	Cecilia Michael Tommy White Mikolas Jozef Blewaska The People of the Parish
Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July <i>Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle</i>	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) <b>8.00 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Lawrence Borthwick (Get Well)
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> July <i>Op. Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Portugal</i>	<b>8.00 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	The Salesian Sisters
Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July <i>Mem. of Bl. George Nichols &amp; Companions, Martyrs</i>	<b>No Public Mass Today</b>	Helen Towey
Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> July <i>Op. Mem. of St. Maria Goretti</i>	<b>6.00 pm</b> Exposition and Benediction <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	Ursula Lestrade (Intentions)
Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>8.00 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (11.00 am Requiem Mass at Our Lady's) (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Angelique Moona Eithene Neal
Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>8.00 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>10.00 am Mass</b> (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Thomas Griffin RIP (Anniversary) Isabel Da Costa Fereira
Sunday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July <b>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Sea Sunday</i>	<b>7.45 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>9.00 am Mass</b> (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) (2.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) (4.30 pm Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's) <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	Dennis McVeigh (Anniversary) Martin Malliagh Oluwafemi & Ifeoluwa The People of the Parish
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm.; Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am		

**Welcome to Sacred Heart 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. Amen.*

**Prayers for the Sick.** Please pray for Barry Holland, Rosalind Ingrams, Betty Duff and Eileen McGarry and all those we know who are sick. If someone you know is sick and would like to be prayed for, please let me know.

**Please pray for those who have died recently: Fr. Bernard Garratt, Angelique Moona, Olivia Ludbrook, Josie Dekkers, Thomas Ghee, Marion Nyambura, Isabel Da Costa Fereira** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgr. Patrick Corrigan, Mgr. Louis McRaye, Canon Francis Dudley, Frs. William O'Malley, Michael Cullinan, Leonard (Leo) Johannes Joppe, Leo Vincent Armishaw and Joseph Pires, and also Thomas Griffin. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

If you wish to watch the Mass at your home, go to  
<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>

### 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.

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

**THANK YOU to everyone who organised and ran our Summer Fete yesterday. And thank you to everyone who came to support. If you were not able to come, fear not!! You still have a chance to win something on the bottle stall, tombola, etc., in the hall after the 9.00 am Mass this morning.**

**Peter's Pence.** There will be a Second Collection at Masses this weekend for Peter's Pence, our national gift as Catholics to the Pope to assist his apostolic work.

**Happy Feast Day** to the members of the Syro-Malabar community. Tomorrow, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, is the feast of St. Thomas who is recognized as the founder of the Church of the Syro-Malabar Christians, or Christians of St. Thomas.

**Mission Unleashed: an event with Cardinal Tagle.** The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and is an inspirational speaker. Join CAFOD online for **Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation – Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 7.00-8.00 pm.** To register and/or be sent the recording go to [www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation](http://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation). Please share with others.

**Mass for Vocations.** As the Archbishop wrote in his latest Pastoral Letter, each Deanery has been allocated a month to pray for and promote vocations. July is our month in the Oxford North Deanery. Fr. Ziggy has kindly agreed to host a Deanery Mass for Vocations on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> July, at 7.00 pm in Blessed Dominic Barberi Church, Littlemore. All are welcome, and it would be good if many could attend, please.

**Sea Sunday is Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July.** Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Many seafarers and fishers are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. There will be a second collection at Masses next weekend, or you can donate by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

**First Friday.** This Friday is the first of the month and we shall say the Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart before Mass on Thursday evening.

**My Day By Day Book** for July is now available at the back of church (price £1).

**BINGO!! There will be a Bingo evening at Our Lady's church next Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> July in the Don Bosco Centre next to the church, with snacks and beverages from 6.30 pm and eyes down at 7.00 pm. Besides bingo there will be a raffle and a flyer (money prize). Cost £5 for bingo, £2 for the flyer. All welcome.**

**The Parish Finance Committee still needs a new Chair, please.**

**Accommodation Required.** A man has phoned asking if I can help him to find a room or flat with a Catholic family. If you can help please come and speak to me.

**Tailpiece – a cunning plan:** On a very warm Sunday morning, the priest announced to his congregation: "My dear people, I have here in my hands three sermons ... a £10 sermon that lasts five minutes, a £5 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes, and a £1 sermon that lasts a full hour. Now, let's have the collection and see which one I'll give."

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