



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th July, 2023

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Sunday, 30 th July <i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Antonio & Rosa Maria da Silva Lucy Lynch The People of the Parish
Monday, 31 st July <i>Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola</i>	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Michael Gannon
Tuesday, 1 st August <i>Mem. of St. Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	John Pill (Healing)
Wednesday, 2 nd August <i>Op. Mem. of St. Eusebius of Vercelli, or St. Peter Julian Eymard</i>	No Public Mass Today	In Thanksgiving (Fr. Harry)
Thursday, 3 rd August	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Brian Nolan (Anniversary)
Friday, 4 th August <i>Memorial of St. John Mary Vianney</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	John White (3 rd Anniversary)
Saturday, 5 th August <i>Op. Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass (12.00 noon Nuptial Mass at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Britiana Hollero Daiva da Silva & Gregorio Amaral The People of the Parish
Sunday, 6 th August <i>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Angel and Josefa Antonio Aileen Young Mick McCarthy
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm; Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am		

Welcome to Sacred Heart for Mass today, especially if you are visiting for the first time.

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Thomas Gaughan, 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: Sheila Kelly, Fr. Bernard Garratt, Olivia Ludbrook, Josie Dekkers, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Canon Arthur Diamond, Frs. Richard Philip Lynch CO, David Ford and Cuthbert Brown, Deacon John Leach, and also Doreen Reilly, Tony Reilly, Brian Nolan, Dec'd Moran Family, Joseph Costa, George Hiran and Padma Don. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

*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.*

If you wish to watch the Mass at your home, go to

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. At present, our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Margaret Lawes. She can be contacted at: sgsacredheart.oxford@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern. We are still asking for someone to volunteer to take Margaret's place. Please come and see me.

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.

Welcome. This weekend we welcome Fr Remigius Ndubuisi from the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans). He is here to do a Mission Appeal and he will be speaking at each of the Masses here and at Our Lady's. There will be a second collection to support the work of the Spiritans.

Marriage. Please pray for Daiva da Silva and Gregorio Amaral who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony next Saturday.

Next Sunday will be the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Parish Finance Committee. The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be on Thursday, 3rd August in the parish hall at 7.30 pm.

THANK YOU. For our Parish Summer fete a few weeks ago we received very generous support from Mr Pill, the butcher, and also the One Stop shop. I should like to give a very special thank you to them for their donations.

University Students. If you are arriving in Oxford, either for a summer placement or in time to begin studies in the autumn, I should like to welcome you. It is important to feel at home, especially if you have come from abroad. Please come and introduce yourself to me, and I can tell you about the community at Sacred Heart.

Pro-Life Pilgrimage To Walsingham. Saturday 5th August is the annual pilgrimage of reparation and prayer for the Sanctity of Life. Walsingham is a powerful and peaceful place to pray for the end of the hurt and pain of abortion. It is a wonderful experience to go with others and make friends in the process. For more details and to book a place on the Oxford trip (£30 - sponsorship available), visit <https://tinyurl.com/oxpp2023>.

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

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.

Garden work party, PLEASE. Saturday, 19th August, starting at 9.00 am and going on for as long as it takes. We need to tackle the corner of Sawpit Road and the border of the car park urgently.

The adventure of a lifetime for some of the young people of our Diocese is about to begin as they take part in World Youth Day in Lisbon, 1st-6th August. A group of 82 pilgrims led by His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley, will be representing the Archdiocese of Birmingham in Lisbon. You can follow the pilgrimage: the live broadcast of World Youth Day 2023 is brought to you by the Catholic channel Shalom World TV, the Media Partner for World Youth Day.

Homes For Ukraine. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) is working in partnership with Saint John of God Hospitaller Services to coordinate a Homes for Ukraine programme. Can you help?
Website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>
Email: homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk

Harvington Pilgrimage 2023, Sunday, 3rd September. His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley, will be the principal celebrant of the Pilgrimage Mass. All are welcome Mass: 3.00 pm, Confessions: 1.45 pm–2.30 pm. FREE PARKING. Bring your own picnic, (teas and coffees available to purchase).

Oxford Pro-Life Rosary Witness: On Saturday 5th August all pro-lifers are invited to publicly recite and witness to the power of the Rosary for the end of Abortion, and in defence of life. Meet at 12.00 noon outside the Clarendon building at 48 Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3AZ. For more info contact: catherinermell2@gmail.com

Pope's Prayer Intention for August: For World Youth Day in Lisbon. We pray that it may help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

Tailpiece: At a convent in Rome the Sisters were justly proud of their willingness to nurse anyone of any race or creed who was in need. They translated their aims into several foreign languages and posted them at the gates. Unfortunately, their English was not as good as their medical care and the translation came out as: "The nuns harbour all diseases and have no regard for religion."

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