



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

16th June, 2024

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Sunday, 16 th June Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day for Life</i>	(5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's) 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's) 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Nancy Lyons (Anniversary) Private Intention Magdalena Hiceta Tommy Gildea (Birthday) Nivio Jose Da Costa Fernandes
Monday, 17 th June	No Public Mass Today	Danilo Guterres (Birthday)
Tuesday, 18 th June <i>Feast of the Dedication of St. Chad's Cathedral</i>	No Public Mass Today	Costancio Piedade
Wednesday, 19 th June <i>Op. Mem. of St. Romuald</i>	No Public Mass Today	<i>The People of the Parish & John Boyle</i>
Thursday, 20 th June <i>Op. Mem. of St. Alban, Martyr</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Martin Simmons (Get Well)
Friday, 21 st June <i>Mem. of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Patrick White (Anniversary)
Saturday, 22 nd June <i>Feast of St. John Fisher, Bishop, & St. Thomas More, Martyrs</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass (12.00 noon Baptism at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Pedro Goncalves, Margarida Turquel, Clotilde Marcelina de Jesus Goncalves, Jose Castilho Guterres Loic Rohn Luis da Costa Bridget White (Anniversary)
Sunday, 23 rd June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's) 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Private Intention Nancy McDonnell Azad & Ruth (Wedding Anniversary) <i>The People of the Parish</i>
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm; Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am (Confessions at Our Lady's: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm)		

Welcome to Sacred Heart today, especially if you are new to our parish.

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.

Happy Fathers' Day to all Dads.

If you wish to join the Mass from your home go to: <https://www.mcn.live/Camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Claudio Serra Vaz, Keith Dolton, Iris O'Brien, Thomas Gaughan, Barry Holland, Rosalind Ingrams, Betty Duff, Inna, Beatrice Upham, Eileen McGarry, Rosa Fernandes, Miguel Esteban, Mely Balbag, Keelin Traearn, Cheryl Jones, Josie Griffiths and all those we know who are sick.

Please pray for Iris Kathleen O'Brien, Sue Lee and John Boyle who died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Peter William Stonier, Frs. Joseph Davenport, John Basil Harrington, Laurence Jones, Hubert Mooney, George Smith, Eric Morgan, Geoffrey Tucker and Bernard Garratt, and also Robert John (Bob) Jackson, Nancy Lyons, Bridget Cherry, Josie Dekkers, Peggy Doherty, Patrick White, Peter Rhodes and Linda James. May they rest in peace.

	Counting rota	Readers' Rota (9.00 Mass)	Eucharistic Ministers' Rota		Flowers rota
This week	Kylla & Lilian	P. Chacka & Lizette	Josh Peter	John Thomas	Jacqui
Next Week	Rachel & Phil	V. Robbins	Pat McGroarty	Lilian Mwawa	Jocelyn & Family

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. I am sorry, but because of a family funeral I cannot be here for the 6.00 pm Mass this evening. I am very grateful to Fr. Martin Flatman who has agreed to celebrate the Mass at very short notice.

Today is Day for Life. This year the theme for the Day is: "The Lord is my Shepherd - Compassion and Hope at the End of Life". The hope is to build a culture of care at the end of life, especially for the most vulnerable, as people prepare for eternal life. Recently there have been calls for the legalisation of assisted suicide, which is against the Catholic view that life is a gift from God. There will be a second collection at Masses this weekend to support organisations which work to promote the protection of life, as well as projects such as Rachel's Vineyard.

The next Deanery talk for the Year of Prayer will be led by Fr. Paul Whieldon at St. Joseph's, Carterton, this afternoon, 16th June, at 4.30 pm.

New Auxiliary Bishops of Birmingham. Please continue to pray for Mgr Timothy Menezes and Canon Richard Walker as they prepare for their Episcopal Ordination at 12.00 noon on Tuesday, 16th July at St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham.

Youth Group. There will be an outing for the Parish Youth Group to Malvern on Sunday, 28th July, leaving Sacred Heart at 8.00 am and leaving Malvern at 6.00 pm. Families and other parishioners are welcome.

General Election. St. Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see www.cafod.org.uk/encounter or www.svp.org.uk/encounter for more information. The Bishops' Conference have created a webpage on their website with information about the issues important to Catholics. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

This is National Refugee Week. There will be a Zoom meeting at 7.00 pm tomorrow, 17th June, when speakers will say what is happening across the Archdiocese. You can ask questions or comment. To join the meeting please click on this link from 6.45pm:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89863517023?pwd=JRXgfcAeDeEE3in5xNqJ03flxGfbOb.1>

Meeting ID: 898 6351 7023. Passcode: 808460

Let them know if you want to take part at: comms@fatherhudsons.org.uk

Missio Red Boxes. If you have a Red Box at home in which you put your loose change for the Missions, please bring it in to be emptied and counted.

Gardening at Sacred Heart. Thank you to those who braved the rain yesterday. Perhaps we can try again in a while and hope that summer comes.

Parish Raffle. Tickets for this year's raffle (to raise funds for our church) are on sale after Mass today. The draw will be on 30th June.

"Come And See" Weekend, 21-23 June. The Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers (Betharram) will be holding a 'Weekend' to Explore the Gift of Vocation to the Religious Life and Priesthood, at the Dupuis Retreat Centre, St. Paul's Convent, 94 Selly Park Road, Birmingham B29 7LL. For more info please contact: Br Andrew Ferris, SCJ (andrewferris@hotmail.co.uk)

Oxford Pro-Life Social. If you would like to find out more or if you are already involved in the pro-life community, come along to relax with like-minded people in the pro-life community on Friday, 21st June, 7.15–9.00 pm, at the "Up in Arms" Marston, OX3 0EN.

Tailpiece: A Bishop was visiting a Primary School. "I'll give a penny to the child who can tell me who I am," he proclaimed. "Please, Sir," said one boy, "You are God." "No, I am not," replied the Bishop. "But here's twopence."

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