



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

23rd June, 2024

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Sunday, 23 rd June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's) 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Bridget White (Anniversary) Nancy McDonnell Azad & Ruth (Wedding Anniversary) The People of the Parish
Monday, 24 th June Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Robin
Tuesday, 25 th June	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Agapito da Fonseca
Wednesday, 26 th June	No Public Mass Today	Dermot & Josephine McMahon
Thursday, 27 th June Op. Mem. of St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Fiona Fraser
Friday, 28 th June Memorial of St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Joy Dewey
Saturday, 29 th June	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass 11.00 am Baptism (1.00 pm Nuptial Mass at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Filomena Maria de Jesus Goncalves & Lourdes Vaticana Goncalves Pires Bernadette Crummie & Raymond Clement Raden Toton Kiemdarto
Sunday, 30 th June Solemnity of St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Frank Benson Kamugisha Marian Nyambura (1 st Anniversary) The People of the Parish
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.

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 Claudino Serra Vaz, Keith Dolton, Thomas Gaughan, Barry Holland, Rosalind Ingrams, Betty Duff, Inna, Beatrice Upham, Eileen McGarry, Rosa Fernandes, Miguel Esteban, Mely Balbag, Keelin Trahearn, Cheryl Jones, Josie Griffiths, Mary Cross and all those we know who are sick.

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Please pray for John Boyle and Ken Elliot who died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Frs. John Bradley, George Grynowski and John Joseph McMorro, Deacon Ralph Watkins, and also Pearl Flanagan, Bridget (Delia) White, Maddalena (Lena) Puma, Thomas Martin Ghee, Cora Proctor, Nancy McDonnell and Ron Jones. May they rest in peace.

	Counting rota	Readers' Rota (9.00 Mass)	Eucharistic Ministers' Rota		Flowers rota
This week	Rachel & Phil	V. Robbins	Pat McGroarty	Lilian Mwawa	Jocelyn & Family
Next Week	Chris & Edwin	D. Wallace	R. Esteban	Anne Marie Sonan	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.

Next Sunday we shall celebrate the Solemnity of St Peter and St. Paul.

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

Parish Raffle. Last chance to buy tickets for this year's raffle (to raise funds for our church). There are still 100 books of tickets available and they are on sale after Mass today. The draw will be next Sunday morning, 30th June.

Fr. Harry's Ruby (40th) Anniversary.

On Sunday, 4th August, I shall be celebrating the anniversary of my Ordination, and since it is a significant number and it also happens to fall on a Sunday, I should like to make it an occasion for both Sacred Heart Parish and also Our Lady's Parish to enjoy it with me.

On the Saturday, 3rd August, 11.30-3.00, there will be a fun day here at Sacred Heart - all welcome to eat, drink, play games - bouncy castle, football, garden games, music, international dancing, international food, people of the parishes to provide.

On Sunday 4th August, there will be Mass at Our Lady's for both parishes at 10.00 am, followed by a reception in the hall and carpark.

If you have suggestions or would like to help: for the Saturday, please contact Reena at sacredheart.oxford@rcaob.org.uk; for the Sunday, please contact Geraldine at olhoc.oxford@rcaob.org.uk

Does anyone have a marquee we could use in the carpark on the Sunday, please?

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. The SVP and CAFOD have made a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see www.cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information. The Bishops' Conference have created a webpage on their website with information about the relevant issues for Catholics. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

The St. John Fisher Primary School Summer Fayre will be on Saturday 6th July from 12.00 - 3:00 on the school field and will have a wide range of activities including a gladiator duel, and will feature a special guest appearance from Olly the Ox.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes Hednesford, Staffs, Sunday 7th July.

- 1 pm Refreshments available in hall.
- 2.15 - 3.45 pm - Confessions.
- 3 pm Rosary.
- 4 pm Mass & Sacrament of the Sick - Celebrant Archbishop Bernard

For further information contact: Fr Jeremy Howard, 07868 542268 or fr.jeremy.howard@rcaob.org.uk

Adoremus Eucharistic Congress at Oscott College, B73 5AA, on Saturday, 14th September. There are some details on the Bishops' Conference website. Five places have been allocated to each Deanery. If you would like to take one of these places for this national event, please email Canon Mervyn: corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk

Tailpiece: Poster seen in a church in France (translated): "When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear 'the call of God'. However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving."

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