



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th August, 2024

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Sunday, 25 th August Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Diocesan Novena to Bl. Dominic Barberi	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday 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) (1.30 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) (2.30 pm Baptisms at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Sr. Monica Private Intention Osvaldo da Silva, Venancio da Costa Jeronimo Babo Martins & Ercia Andrade (Wedding Anniversary) Noah Oliveira Mya-Louise Beverley & Nylah Violet Evelyn Queen and Thalia Beverley Nembhard The People of the Parish
Monday, 26 th August Feast of Bl. Dominic Barberi	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer No Public Mass Today	Fr. David Lloyd
Tuesday, 27 th August Memorial of St. Monica	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Josephine Mary Whiston
Wednesday, 28 th August Memorial of St. Augustine	No Public Mass Today	Deacon John Higgins
Thursday, 29 th August Memorial of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	James O'Connor
Friday, 30 th August Op. Mem. of Ss. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, Martyrs	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (12.00 noon Requiem Mass at Our Lady's) (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Eve Kelly Clive Robinson (Intentions)
Saturday, 31 st August Op. Memorial of St. Aidan & Saints of Lindisfarne	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass 12.00 noon Baptisms (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Paul Fahy Aleixo & Fatima De Jesus Dos Santos The People of the Parish
Sunday, 1 st September Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	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) 2.00 pm Baptism 6.00 pm Mass	Private Intention Private Intention Greg Maguire Kaio-Oakley Nelson Private Intention
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.

Please pray for Dcn. Bill Baines, Ellen (Eve) Kelly, Eileen Groom, Eric Williams who died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgr. Canon Laurence Emery, Mgr. Richard J. Foster, Canons Laurence Hogarty and Joseph Nightingale, Frs. Francis Rowe, James Downey, Isaac William Savin, Francis Toole, Brendan O'Malley, Deacons Peter Kilgallon and David McCarroll, and also Adam Dennis Quelch, Peter King, Catherine Rita Sheridan, Michael McManus, Pietro Lindo and James Turnbull. May they rest in peace.

Eileen's funeral will be at St. Hugh's Church, Woodstock at 12.00 noon on Wednesday, 28th August.

Eve's funeral will be at Our Lady's at 12.00 noon next Friday, 30th August.

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.

	Counting rota	Readers' Rota (9.00 Mass)	Eucharistic Ministers' Rota		Flowers rota
This week	Sally & Phil	D. Wallace	Pat McGroarty	Lilian Tatenda Mwawa	Lizete
Next Week	Kylla & Lilian	J. Esteban & R. Galinda	Philomena Doherty	Anne Marie Sonan	Jacqui

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

The Annual Novena of Prayer for the Cause of Blessed Dominic Barberi. Tomorrow (Monday) is the Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi, and we offer our prayers and good wishes to our neighbours in the parish of Blessed Dominic in Littlemore. The Novena for the Cause of Blessed Dominic ends tomorrow. The Novena Prayer can be prayed in parishes or at home.

O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that You will, in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church.

Mary, Mother of Holy Hope, pray for us.

Saint John Henry Newman, pray for us.

Blessed Dominic Barberi, pray for us.

Welcome. This weekend we welcome four new members into our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism: Noah Oliveira, Mya-Louise Beverley Queen, Nylah Violet Evelyn Queen and Thalia Beverley Nembhard. Please pray for them and their families.

March for Life event in London on Saturday 7th September. The theme for this year's March for Life is 'Abortion isn't Healthcare'. Join thousands at this family-friendly event. Find out more about it at marchforlife.co.uk.

Lasallian Projects. Oxford – Kenya 2024. Last Spring (it seems a long time ago now) a parish raffle here at Sacred Heart raised £160 for a work project in a Kenyan parish school. Thank you very much. During the summer a group of UK students travelled to Kenya to work for five weeks with local people of a school building. Fr. John has sent us some photographs showing life in a rural area of Western Kenya. You can see them on one of the notice boards in our parish hall, with descriptions of the work and what is still needed.

Harvington Pilgrimage 2024. The Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the English Martyrs, Worcestershire, will be next Sunday, 1st September. Mass is at 3.00 pm with Confessions from 1.45 pm – 2.30 pm. Free timed tours of Harvington Hall are available to pilgrims on the day.

Parish Outing. On Saturday, 21st September, we shall have an outing to visit the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. The Arboretum is the UK's year-round centre of Remembrance and home to over 400 symbolic memorials. Situated across a 150-acre site, amongst 25,000 maturing trees, the memorials pay tribute to those who have served our country, including the Armed Forces, civilian and emergency services, and UK charities. There is a visitor centre, events building, two children's play areas, woodland walks, land train tours, buggy tours, exhibitions, restaurant, coffee shop and learning centre. It will be 9.30 am pick up from Sacred Heart and 10.00 am from Our Lady's. Return approx 6.00 pm. Cost: £20.

A new Lectionary with a different translation of the Bible readings will come into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent, 1st December.

This means that the missals we have been using will no longer have the correct translation and the familiar readings will sound different. This provides all ministers of the Word, clergy and lay alike, with an opportunity to reflect and renew our service of the Word. There will be an evening of prayer and preparation for all readers on Thursday, 19th September, starting with the Holy Hour at 6.00 pm and Mass. After Mass we shall meet in the hall.

Tailpiece: A priest was once summoned urgently to the sickbed of a woman in a neighbouring parish. He was rather puzzled because he knew that she was a devoted member of her own parish, so he asked the daughter, "It seems strange that your mother wanted to see me in her illness. Is your own priest away?" "Oh, no," answered the child, "He's home. Only we thought it might be contagious – and we didn't want to take any risks."

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