



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th August, 2024

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Sunday, 4 th August <i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	(5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's) 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass 6.00 pm Mass	The Salesian Sisters In Thanksgiving (Fr. Harry) Angel and Lourdes Antonio
Monday, 5 th August <i>Op. Mem. of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (11.00 am Requiem Mass at Our Lady's)	John Pill
Tuesday, 6 th August <i>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Raden Toton Kiemdarto
Wednesday, 7 th August <i>Op. Mem. of St. Sixtus II, Pope, & Comps, Martyrs, or of St. Cajetan, Priest</i>	No Public Mass Today	Jennifer White (Birthday)
Thursday, 8 th August <i>Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest</i>	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish
Friday, 9 th August <i>Feast of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, (Edith Stein), Martyr, Patron of Europe</i>	No Public Mass Today	Fr. David Lloyd
Saturday, 10 th August <i>Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon</i>	(2.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Daiva's Intentions The People of the Parish
Sunday, 11 th August <i>Nineteenth 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	Michael Cullen Josephine Mary Whiston Deacon John Higgins

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

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

Tuesday is the Feast of the Transfiguration. There is no Mass here that day, but there will be Mass at Our Lady's at 9.15 am.

The Feast of the Assumption will be on Thursday, 15th August. It is a Holyday of Obligation, when we are obliged to attend Mass if possible. Mass at Our Lady's will be at 10.00 am, and here at Sacred Heart at 7.00 pm.

*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 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, Eric Williams and all those we know who are sick.

Please pray for John Pill, Kitty Healy, Kathleen Candlish, Tommy Campbell, Ellen Kelly and all who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Canon Arthur Diamond, Fr. Thomas Michael Duffy, and also Abie Doherty, Douglas Rothery, Mrs Doreen Reilly, Tony Reilly and Nora Griffin. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

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.*

	Counting rota	Readers' Rota (10.00 Mass)	Eucharistic Ministers' Rota		Flowers rota
This week	Kylla & Lilian	Kylla	Phil & Rolly	Anne Marie	Ghie & Rocelle
Next Week					

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

New Safeguarding Officer. I am delighted to announce that Onyi Anyanwu has volunteered to take over as our new parish safeguarding officer and has been appointed in this role by the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Team. Congratulations to her, and I am very grateful to her for taking on this important duty. A very big THANK YOU too and well done to Margaret Lawes who has done this for a long time and steps down today.

Oxprolife BBQ on Saturday 10th August, 1.00 – 4.00 pm, in the grounds of Ss. Gregory and Augustine, 322 Woodstock Road, Oxford, OX2 7NS. For more information please contact honorroberts@hotmail.com.

Oxprolife are also promoting the **March for Life event in London on Saturday 7th September**. There are many attempts at the moment to liberalize abortion in the UK and to silence those offering any alternative viewpoint whether that's 'pills by post' abortions, 'decriminalization', buffer zones or censorship on pro-life students at universities. The dangers of these situations are being highlighted by the theme for this year's March for Life which is 'Abortion isn't Healthcare'. Join thousands at this family-friendly event. Find out more at marchforlife.co.uk.

The Annual Novena of Prayer for the Cause of Blessed Dominic Barberi takes place in our Archdiocese from 18 August until 26 August. It can be prayed in parishes or at home. The following is the Novena Prayer:

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.

Parish Youth Group quiz night, Saturday, 17th August 6.00-8.00 pm. Everyone is welcome (youth 😊).

Harvington Pilgrimage 2024. Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the English Martyrs, Worcestershire. The annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, Shrine of the English Martyrs, will be on Sunday, 1st September. The principal celebrant will be The Rt Rev. Paul Gunter OSB, Abbot of Douai Abbey. 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.

Healthwatch Oxfordshire. Have you, or an adult that you look after, stayed in hospital during the last 12 months? If you have, they would like to hear about your experience of leaving hospital, and any care and support you got at home or another place in Oxfordshire in the first few weeks afterwards: what is working well and what could be improved. Please share your thoughts by completing a survey at [Your experience of leaving hospital \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk).

Could you be a seed of hope? The Archdiocese of Birmingham is inviting enthusiastic individuals to create a network of Environment Champions. Your mission is to be a channel of communication between the Archdiocese and your parish, to promote Care of Creation and to enthuse others to help to a spirituality which supports an ecological conversion. You will have the support of the Care for Creation Committee. <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/seedofhope>

Tailpiece: A woman went to Confession and confessed that she had been to a 'fortune teller'. "Did you?" said the priest. "And what did she tell you?" "Please, Father, she told me that I was going to meet a bald-headed man and go on a long journey." "Well, now," said the priest, "Isn't that a strange thing! Here am I without a hair on my head, and aren't you going to do the Stations of the Cross four times!"

May God bless you and all those whom you love.
If you are going away, have a lovely time.
Fr. Harry