



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st September, 2024

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Sunday, 1 st September Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	(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) 2.00 pm Baptism 6.00 pm Mass	The People of the Parish Private Intention Cecilia Michael Jose Maia & Bento D.R. Fernandes Kaio-Oakley Nelson Private Intention
Monday, 2 nd September	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Michael Iagoe
Tuesday, 3 rd September Feast of St. Gregory the Great	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer No Public Mass Today	Brigit Philomena
Wednesday, 4 th September Op. Mem. of St. Cuthbert	No Public Mass Today	Fr David Lloyd
Thursday, 5 th September	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Thomas
Friday, 6 th September First Friday	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's School) (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Ruth Fletcher (Get Well) Antonio de Souza
Saturday, 7 th September	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass (1.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	John Joseph McGroarty Enzo Licata Katherine & William Brett (Anniv.)
Sunday, 8 th September Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Education 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) 6.00 pm Mass	Private Intention Anne O'Neill Raden Toton Kiemdarto Joanita de Jesus Viegas & Jose Antonio Joaquin Galucho
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 Canon Michael Cooley, Frs. Peter Blundell and Gerry O'Collins, Eve Kelly, Eileen Groom, Eric Williams and John Kenny who all died recently, and those whose anniversaries occurring at this time: Mgr. James Dunlop Crichton, Frs. Bernard Salt, Thomas O'Doherty, James J. Holland, Paul Devaney and Anthony Taylor, Deacon Francis Andrews, Sr. Iolanda Marsella FMA, and also Trevor Dean, John Joseph Patrick O'Connor, John McCallum and James Moore. May they rest in peace.

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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, Miguel Esteban, Mely Balbag, Keelin Trahearn, Cheryl Jones, Josie Griffiths, Mary Cross, Mary Heap and all those we know who are sick.

	Counting rota	Readers' Rota (9.00 Mass)	Eucharistic Ministers' Rota		Flowers rota
This week	Kylla & Lilian	J. Esteban & R. Galinda	Philomena Doherty	Anne Marie Sonan	Jacqui
Next Week	Rachel & Phil	V. Robbins & Blossom	Chris Donovan	Rolly Esteban	Jacqui

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

Pope Francis has established 1st September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. This is the start of the Season of Creation (1st September to 4th October). The Archbishop has sent this message: *"As you may know this is something growing year by year as we become more and more aware of our calling as Christians to have a care for the whole of the Created world... Pope Francis is asking us to think about how we care for the whole of Creation as an expression of our own Christian Faith and is referring us to St. Paul's letter to the Romans, which speaks about the whole of Creation groaning, but also looking for the freedom which Christ brings us as children of God... Hope and Act with Creation is the theme for this year, and I hope you'll be able to pray that we and others will value all that we have in creation as a way of praising God and also caring for those who are most in need."*

You can find the full celebration guide as well as other prayers and resources on the Diocesan website www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/listing/category/season-of-creation#SOCResources

Pilgrimage for the Planet, Sunday 15th September. Set off from Blackfriars, St. Giles, after the 9.30 am Mass (approx. 11.30 am) with a blessing on the pilgrimage from one of the brethren. Prayers will be said at each stop along the way. Ends at 2.00 pm at St Frideswide Church, Botley Road. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a picnic lunch. This event is organised by the *Laudato Si'* Circle which meets at Blackfriars, Oxford.

Next Sunday is Education Sunday. It is a time to celebrate and give thanks for all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as look forward in anticipation of the year ahead. This year's theme for Education Sunday is drawn from its Gospel reading of Mark 7:31-37: *He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.* There will be a second collection at Masses next weekend for the Catholic Education Service.

Welcome. This weekend we welcome three new members into our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism: Aleixo and Fatima de Jesus Dos Santos, and Kaio-Oakley Nelson. Please pray for them and their families.

March for Life event in London next 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.

Rosary + Bible On-Line Prayer. The next meeting is on Sunday, 15th September, 6.00 pm. Anyone interested please contact Eva on evasmithson1112@gmail.com

Lasallian Projects. Oxford – Kenya 2024. Last Spring we had a raffle which raised £160 for a work project in a Kenyan parish school. Thank you. Br. John has sent us some photographs showing life in a rural area of Western Kenya. They are on a notice board in our 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, is today, 1st September. Mass is at 3.00 pm with Confessions from 1.45 pm – 2.30 pm.

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 which 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. 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. 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: One day a priest complained because he had noticed that after Mass his congregation all trooped rapidly across the road and straight into the pub. "But, Father, that's your fault" replied one member brightly. "You are always telling us that we must thirst after righteousness."

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