



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6th July, 2025

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Sunday, 6 th July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass 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	Dolores Steele Private Intention Agata Imaculada Alves de Souza The People of the Parish Helen Cullen (Get Well)
Monday, 7 th July	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Sr. Breda (Get Well)
Tuesday, 8 th July	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Robin MacDonald
Wednesday, 9 th July <i>Optional Memorial of St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Comps.</i>	No Public Mass Today.	Nossa Senhora de Fatima
Thursday, 10 th July	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Barney Cornway
Friday, 11 th July Feast of St. Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Sr. Maria
Saturday, 12 th July	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass (5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at Our Lady's)	Kathleen McGarry Kath Mullagh
Sunday, 13 th July Fifteenth 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 Denis McVeigh Special Intention (MB) The People of the Parish
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm, and Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am. (Also at Our Lady's on Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm.)		

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass today.

Today, after all the celebrations of Lent and Easter, to say nothing of all the feasts since then, we return at last to “Ordinary Time” in the Church’s Year.

We are a parish with a clear identity and purpose: to be a Catholic community, formed by the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus, for the glory and praise of God the Father and the service of His Kingdom, and also for the mutual building up and support of its members. The core message that we feel called to live is contained in

Jesus’ words:

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10)

*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.*

	Counting rota	Readers' Rota (9.00 Mass)	Eucharistic Ministers' Rota		Flowers rota
This week	Kylla and Lilian	J. Esteban and K. Abrigo	Chris Donovan	Anne Marie Sonan	Jacqui
Next week	Rachel and Phil	J. Esteban and R. Galinda	Philomena Doherty	Pawel Drozdz	Jocelyn and Family

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Sally McVeigh, Keith Dolton, Barry Holland, Rosalind Ingrams, Betty Duff, Claudio Serra Vaz, Inna, Beatrice Upham, Eileen McGarry, Cheryl Jones, Josie Griffiths, Mary Cross, Nuala McNally, Maggie Durkin, Tony Davis, Cathleen Kennedy, Jim Kennedy, Ella Dawson, Mary Barry and all we know who are sick.

Please pray for Fr. John Baggley, Anne Mary Newell, John Mulvenna and Gabriel Ignatius Drumm who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Louis McRae, Canon Francis J. Grady, Frs. Leonard (Leo) Johannes Joppe, William Rooney, Vincent Leo Armishaw, Joseph Pires, Michael Gaffney, Bernard Thomas Maddox, Brendan Mary Donlon, Anthony Maguire, Seamus Hetherington, Gordon Hunter, John Molyneux, Plunkett Shannon and Deacon Anthony Bateman, and also Thomas Griffin, Shirley Ann Milne, Gerald Amantrading and Peter Lynch. May they rest in peace.

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

THANK YOU.

Thank you again to everyone who made our Parish Summer Fete a lovely occasion, despite the heatwave, and well done.

Thank you to Pill's and Sons, Butchers, for their kind donation.

I have not had a final figure yet, but I know it raised over £1,400 for the parish finances.

Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is seeking a volunteer to help with Sea Sunday next weekend (12/13 July this year) in this parish. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses. If you can do this, contact roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org or 07887 893 763.

Next Week is Sea Sunday when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. The Second Collection at all Masses is for Apostleship of the Sea, also known as Stella Maris (Star of the Sea). The Apostleship of the Sea is Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work. There are envelopes at the back of church for anyone who would like to Gift Aid their donation. Leaflets are available at the back of church and more information can be found online www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

Appeal for an electrician. Is there a qualified electrician in the congregation who could take on a job at

Our Lady's church, please? If so, please come and have a word with me after Mass.

Called and Gifted – a journey of discovering your spiritual gifts – is coming to Corpus Christi, Headington, starting on Saturday, 13th September 2025. It is a process which helps you discern more clearly the particular spiritual gifts (known as *charisms*) the Holy Spirit has given you. Contact John Kirwan, johnkirwan1a@gmail.com or 07985098544 for more information and/or to register.

WeBelieve is a celebration of Catholic life, to be held in the grounds of Oscott College, Sutton Coldfield, from Friday, 25th to Monday, 28th July. This event is for everyone and you can book as a family, group of friends or individuals. Visit the diocesan website for more details and to book tickets. www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Sacred Heart Parish Youth Group. In case you don't know, the Parish Youth Group meet in the hall here every other Wednesday, 6.00 – 7.30 pm. Come and join them to discover more about the Faith and share food together.

Mass for Red Box Missionaries of Hope. You are invited to a special mission Mass in the Jubilee Year of Hope at St. Teresa's Church, Warwick Road, Beaconsfield, HP9 2PL, this Saturday, 12th July. Bishop David Oakley will celebrate, and there will be refreshments after Mass.

Tailpiece: The Rev. Blair Monie once offered this prayer at a church meeting: "Lord, I am so happy about how well I have done thus far today. I have not gossiped. I have not been rude. I have not been pushy. I have not been a know-it-all. I am really glad about that. But now I have to get out of bed"

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