



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th June, 2026

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Sunday, 14 th June <i>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (8.45 am Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's) 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Pat Murphy (9 th Anniversary) Private Intention Magdalena Hiceta Tommy Gildea The People of the Parish
Monday, 15 th June	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Paul Watts (Birthday)
Tuesday, 16 th June <i>Op. Mem. of St. Richard of Chichester</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Jean Carpenter (ill)
Wednesday, 17 th June	No Public Mass Today	Nicky Clarke
Thursday, 18 th June <i>Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral</i>	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Maria Fatima Sequiera
Friday, 19 th June <i>Optional Memorial of St. Romuald, Abbot</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Nicky Clarke
Saturday, 20 th June <i>Op. Mem. of St. Alban, Martyr</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Ruth and Joel Da Cunha Nancy Lyons (Anniversary)
Sunday, 21 st June <i>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 8.45 am Syro-Malabar Community Mass 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Private Intention Cecilia Michael Marjorie Chungtuyco (Birthday) Marion Mwangi (Anniv.) and Dec'd family Members

Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm, and Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am. (And also at Our Lady's: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm.)

Welcome to Sacred Heart today, especially if you are new to the parish or just visiting.

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.*

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers		Flowers
	9.00 am	9.00 am	6.00 pm	
This Sunday	Blossom & Daiva	Phil Doherty	Pawel Drozd	Jocelyn Esteban
Next Sunday	Priya Chacka	Josh Peter	John Thomas	Jocelyn Esteban

Please pray for the sick, especially people we know: Bridie Barry, Josie Griffiths, Claire French, Inna, Jean Carpenter, Terry Jackson, Mary Cross, Sheila Cuddy, Maggie Durkin, Tony Davis, John Hudgell, Pat Walsh, Doreen Teagle, Mary Barry, Mary Cairns, Lisa Birch, Rodolfo Melo De Sousa, Dantas Luis Galucho Rosa and Julio Madeira Cabral Soares.

Please pray for Michael Murphy, Baltazar L'Quay, Adrian Gaughan and Patricia Casey who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frs. Joseph Davenport, John Harrington, Laurence Jones, Hubert Mooney, George Smith and Eric Morgan, Sr. Brigid Cahill FMA, and also Patrick Donaghy, John Boyle, Robert John Jackson, Nancy Lyons, Bridget Cherry, Josie Dekkers, Alice Sykes, Linda James. May they rest in peace.

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

Thank you to everyone for your good wishes, prayers and gifts when I was made a Canon a couple of weeks ago. I hope that you can join me in the hall after the 9.00 am Mass this Sunday for a little celebration.

Sacred Heart Youth Group. There will be the annual outing for young people to the Malvern hills next Sunday, 21st June. Please speak to Joyce for more information.

Sacred Heart Parish Day. Saturday, 11th July. This looks like being a great day, with games and stalls. There are also some incredible prizes to be won in the raffle, and raffle tickets are on sale at the back of church as you leave today.

Day for Life. On Sunday, 21st June, we mark the Day for Life under the theme "The Wonder of the Child in the Womb." The theme also recognises the loss of children who died before birth and the grief of their parents. The bishops' message and prayers can be found on the Day for Life website: www.dayforlife.org. The second collection will go towards the Day for Life Fund, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also donate online via the Day for Life website.

Happy Anniversary to St. John Fisher Primary School. SJF will celebrate its 60th Anniversary on Monday, 22nd June. A special Mass will be celebrated in the school on Wednesday, 24th June, at 10.00 am, by Bishop Richard.

Help! For a long time, Chris Donovan has been trimming the bushes and tidying up the area outside the hall windows on Sawpit Rd., and we owe her a great debt of thanks. But now she feels that she can no longer do it. Could anyone take it on, please? Come and let me know, please.



Message from Aid to the Church in Need. Across the world, countless men, women and children suffer simply because of the faith they hold dear. In their need, they look to us to be their voice. Aid to the Church in Need has launched its first-ever global petition on religious freedom, calling on governments and the UN to do more to defend the right to believe, and to ensure that those responsible for persecution are held to account. We invite you to stand with the persecuted Church by signing this petition and giving witness to the importance of religious freedom for all. You can add your voice by scanning the QR code.

Harvington History Festival returns from 22–26 July with a fascinating programme of talks, tours, and events exploring history at Harvington Hall, the Archdiocese's historic moated manor house known for its priest hides. For more info or to book, visit: harvingtonhall.co.uk

Legion of Mary. A new "Praesidium" has been set up at Our Lady Help of Christians, meeting on Friday evenings, after the 7.00 pm Mass. It is still a small group and they would welcome new members. Just come along and try it.

Fr John Hancock, a former parish priest here will be celebrating his 80th Birthday on 30th June. If any of you would like to send him a card, his address is: Fr John Hancock, Fotherley Hall, Fotherley Lane, Shenstone, Lichfield WS14 0HG.

Congratulations to Fr. Aldo Tapparo, who will celebrate his 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination with Mass at Corpus Christi Church on Friday morning.

Garden Party At Newman's College on Saturday, 4th July 3.00-5.00 pm. This is a fundraiser to support the mission of the Sisters of The Work at Newman's College. Enjoy an afternoon in the beautiful garden with a cup of tea, homemade cakes, ice cream, various stalls and live music played by a string quartet. There will be guided tours for those who have not yet visited The College. For more information please contact the Sisters on 01865 779743 or littlemore@newman-friends.org.

Tailpiece: An elderly married couple died and went to heaven. They had always been in good health, mainly due to the wife's interest in health food and exercise. St. Peter led them to a mansion, complete with a beautiful kitchen, a master bath-suite and a Jacuzzi. The old man asked how much all this was going to cost. "It's free," replied St. Peter. "This is Heaven." Next, they went out to the back and behold! There was a championship golf course. They would have golfing privileges every day. The old man asked, "What are the green fees?" St. Peter's reply, "This is Heaven, you play for free." Next, they went to the club house and saw a lavish meal laid out. "Where are the high-fibre, low-fat, and low-cholesterol foods?" the old man asked timidly. "That's the best part," replied St. Peter, "You can eat as much as you like of whatever you like and you never get fat and you never get sick. This is Heaven." The old man looked at his wife and exclaimed, "You and your blooming bran muffins!! I could have been here ten years ago!"

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