



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st June, 2026

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Sunday, 14 th June Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	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	Nancy Lyons (Anniversary) Private Intention Cecilia Michael Marjorie Chungtuyco (Birthday) Marion Mwangi (Anniv.) and Dec'd family Members
Monday, 22 nd June Feast of St. John Fisher & St. Thomas More	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	The People of the Parish
Tuesday, 23 rd June Op. Mem. of St. Etheldreda (Audrey), Abbess	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Azad and Ruth (Wedding Anniv.)
Wednesday, 24 th June Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass at St. John Fisher School	Antonietta Aprea (Get Well)
Thursday, 25 th June	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Nancy McDonnell
Friday, 26 th June	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, 27 th June Op. Mem. of St. Cyril of Alexandria	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Confirmation Mass at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Frank B. Kamugisha Jose Goncalves
Sunday, 28 th June Solemnity of St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles	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 Luis G.A.M Da Silva & Luisa Da Silva Nicky Clarke The People of the Parish
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm. (And also at Our Lady's: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm.)		

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church today, especially if you are new to the parish or just visiting.
Please note that because of the Confirmations at Our Lady's this week, there will be no Mass or
Confessions here at Sacred Heart next Saturday.

Next Sunday we shall celebrate the transferred Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul.

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	Priya Chacka	Josh Peter	John Thomas	Jocelyn Esteban
Next Sunday	Deirdre Wallace	Pat McGroarty	Lilian Tatenda Mwawa	Claire Fermin

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 Adrian Gaughan and all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgr. Peter Stonier, Frs. Geoffrey Tucker, Bernard Garratt, John Bradley and George Grynowski, Deacons William Baines and Ralph Watkins, and also Peggy Doherty, Patrick White, Peter Rhodes, Pearl Flanagan, Bridget White, Maddalena Puma, Thomas Martin Ghee, Ron Jones, Cora Proctor, Nancy McDonnell and Olivia Frances Ludbrook. May they rest in peace.

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

Holy Communion under Both Kinds. Before COVID, there was the custom here at Sacred Heart for people to have the opportunity at Mass to receive the Precious Blood from the Chalice as well as the Body of the Lord at Holy Communion. I think it is now possible to reintroduce this as an experiment (if it proves that no one wants it we can go back). From the first Sunday in July at the 9.00 am Mass, there will be one person (the priest) giving out the Body of Christ at the front of the church in the centre, and there will be two Eucharistic Ministers, one each side with a Chalice. If you wish to receive from the Chalice after you have received the Host, move to one of the Eucharistic Ministers. He or she will offer the Chalice to you with the words, "The Blood of Christ". You reply, "Amen", take the Chalice and carefully take a sip. Then give the Chalice back to the Minister and return to your place in the church.

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. Today, 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. 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 this week. 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.

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.

Ordinations. Please pray for a local man, Deacon Jonathan Henry from St. Anthony's Parish in Headington, who will be ordained a priest in St. Chad's Cathedral on Saturday, 4th July, and also for Deacon Jithin Titto who will be ordained on 6th July and for Deacon Tenny Antony who will be ordained on 10th July. May God bless them all – Ad Multos Annos.

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: A man was coming home from the pub one Sunday afternoon, rather the worse for wear, when he noticed a Baptismal service going on in the river, so he stumbled down into the water and stood next to the Minister. The Minister turned, noticed him and said, "Brother, are you ready to find Jesus?" The man looked back and said, "Yes sir, I am." The Minister then took him by the neck, dunked him under the water and pulled him right back up. "Have you found Jesus?" the Minister asked. "No, I didn't!" said the man. The Minister dunked him under again, this time for quite a bit longer, brought him up and said, "Now brother, have you found Jesus?" "No, I did not!" said the man again. Disgusted, the Minister held him under again, for at least 30 seconds this time, lifted him up and demanded, "For the love of God, have you found Jesus yet?!" The man wiped his eyes and pleaded, "Are you sure this is where He fell in?"

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