



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th July, 2026

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Sunday, 5 th July <i>Fourteenth 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	Nicky Clarke Private Intention Paul Dolton Kitty Healey (2 nd Anniversary) The People of the Parish
Monday, 6 th July <i>Op. Mem. of St. Maria Goretti, Martyr</i>	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Marykutty Skaria (41 st Day)
Tuesday, 7 th July	No Public Mass Today	Fr. Des McMahon
Wednesday, 8 th July	No Public Mass Today	Paula and Brian McGonigle
Thursday, 9 th July <i>Op. Mem. of St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions, Martyrs</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Betty Duffy
Friday, 10 th July	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Carla's Intentions
Saturday, 11 th July <i>Feast of St. Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Barney Conway Nicky Clarke
Sunday, 12 th July <i>Fifteenth 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 Kathleen McGarry Hugh Allan (Anniversary) The People of the Parish

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 Church today, especially if you are new to the parish or just visiting.

Please note that there will be a special second collection today to support CAFOD's appeal following the earthquakes in Venezuela. Please note too that there will be no public Mass on Tuesday.

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	Jocelyn Esteban & Kylla Abrigo	Chris Donovan & Pat McGroarty	Anne Marie Sonan & Rolly Esteban	Claire Fermin
Next Sunday	Blossom & Priya Chacko	Philomena Doherty & Rolly Esteban	Pawel Drozd & Kim Netto	Priya & Family

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, James Doyle and Josie Griffiths and all those who have died recently, and for those all whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Louis McRae, Canon Francis J. Grady, Frs. Leonard (Leo) Johannes Joppe, Vincent Armishaw, Joseph Pires, Michael Gaffney, Bernard Maddox, Brendan Donlon, Anthony Maguire, Seamus Hetherington, Deacon Anthony Bateman, and also Thomas Griffin, Shirley Ann Milne and Gerald Amantrading. 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. Starting today, 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.

Sea Sunday. Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Stella Maris, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers.



This Saturday, 11th July, 12.00 noon – 4.00 pm.

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 today.

From CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal. "You can help our neighbours affected by the earthquakes in Venezuela with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives. Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal in our special second collection today. Or you can donate directly at: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030. Please keep those in Venezuela in your prayers."

Parish Forum Meeting. Next Sunday, 4.30 pm, in the parish hall. All invited and welcome.

Ordinations. Congratulations to Fr. Jonathan Henry from St. Anthony's Parish in Headington, who was ordained a priest yesterday. Fr. Jonathan will celebrate his First Mass at 3.00 this afternoon (Sunday, 5th July) at St. Anthony's. Next Sunday he will celebrate Mass at Corpus Christi, Headington, at 11.00 am. Please pray for Deacon Jithin Titto and Deacon Tenny Antony who will also be ordained priests this week. May God bless them all. *Ad Multos Annos.*

MARCH4LIFE 2026 We are invited to take part in a peaceful, joyful march in London on Saturday, 5th September – celebrating life and challenging abortion.

"WeBelieve" Festival at Oscott College, Birmingham. From Friday, 24th to Monday, 27th July: An unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to grow in authentic community, and to encounter the transforming love of God. For more: www.webeliefefestival.com.

Vocations to the Priesthood. Each Deanery in the Archdiocese is given a month to pray especially intensely for Vocations to the Priesthood. **JULY IS OUR MONTH.** Please make it your special intention.

Diocesan Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, we ask you to send labourers into your harvest. Inspire, in the hearts of your people, vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Bless our families with a spirit of generosity, so that those whom you call have the courage to give themselves to your Church in faith. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tailpiece: A priest was out walking in his parish when he noticed a young boy on his tiptoes trying very hard to press a doorbell on a house across the road, but he was not tall enough to reach the doorbell. The priest walked across the street and offered to lift him up to reach the bell. The boy was delighted as he gave the bell a solid ring. Crouching down to the child's level, the priest smiled benevolently and asked, "And now what, my little man?" With a mischievous grin the boy replied, "Now, Mister, we run!!!"

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