



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th August, 2026

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Sunday, 30 th August <i>Twenty-Second 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	Winston Borthwick Private Intention Jim McCann Kitty Ryan (Anniversary) Felix Saulong Jr. (Birthday)
Monday, 31 st August <i>Op. Mem. of St. Aidan, Bishop, & the Saints of Lindisfarne</i>	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer	Alejandro 'Alex' Estuita (1 st Anniv.)
Tuesday, 1 st September <i>World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation – Beginning of the Season of Creation</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Anthony Newton Rodrigues (B'day)
Wednesday, 2 nd September	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish
Thursday, 3 rd September <i>Feast of St. Gregory the Great</i>	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Ebin Paul and Rose Geordy (1 st Wedding Anniversary)
Friday, 4 th September <i>Op. Memorial of St. Cuthbert First Friday</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Augustito Catiis
Saturday, 5 th September <i>Optional Memorial of St. Teresa of Calcutta</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass (2.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Nossa Senora de Fatima Daniela Da Costa Antonio D'Souza
Sunday, 6 th September <i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	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	Private Intention Adrian Gaughan John Hudgell (Get Well) The People of the Parish

Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm, and Saturday, 10.30 – 11.00 am. (And 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 visiting for the Bank Holiday.**

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)

This Friday is the first of the Month. The Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart will be said before Mass on Thursday evening.

*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	Deirdre Wallace & Blossom	Ercia Andrade & Rolly Esteban	Pawel Drozd & Rolly Esteban	Jocelyn Esteban
Next Sunday	Kylla Abrigo & Jocelyn Esteban	Chris Donovan & Philomena Doherty	Anne Marie Sonan & Eva Smithson	

Please pray for the sick, especially people we know: Bridie Barry, 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, Julio Madeira Cabral Soares, and Thomas Durkin.

Please pray for Andrew Scully, Florence McCormack, Joseph White, Terence Jackson and all those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Mgr. James Crichton, Canon Joseph Nightingale, Frs. Brendan O'Malley, Thomas O'Doherty, James Holland and Paul Devaney, Deacon Francis Andrews, Sr. Iolanda Marsella FMA, and also John Joseph Patrick O'Connor, Trevor Dean, James Moore and Pamela Kathleen Campbell. May they rest in peace.

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

Citizens UK is an organisation that deals with the social welfare of local people. We should like to launch a group in this deanery and we hope to have 2-3 volunteers from each parish. If you would like to help please come and see me.

Early notice: a Mass for the Sick, with the Sacrament of Anointing, will be celebrated here on Saturday, 17th October, at 1.00 pm. If you know of anyone who is sick and/or housebound who might like to attend if they are given help with transport, please tell them about it, and let me know about them.

Assisted Suicide Bill. On Friday, 11th September the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. We believe this is wrong for many reasons. Please contact your MP, urging him/her to attend the debate and vote against the Bill.

Situations Vacant.

1. The Brothers at Greyfriars (St. Edmund and St. Frideswide) are looking for someone to cook for them: 15 hours/week, Monday-Friday. Please see the notice in the church porch for more information.
2. At Our Lady's I am looking for someone to clean the hall and its kitchen, the chapel, and the toilets. Starting at 4 hours/week. Please see me for more details or email olhoc.oxford@rcaob.org.uk

Readers at Mass. There is a new rota available for readers at the 9.00 am Sunday Mass. If you would like to be included on the rota (or if you think that your name may somehow have been left off), please speak to Deirdre Wallace after Mass. She will be happy to hear from you.

The Season of Creation 2026: "Make Living Water Flow". Each year from 1st September to 4th October, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. This year, the theme for the Season is "Living Water", from Ezekiel 47:1-12, which portrays God's life-giving water flowing from the temple of God.

News for Young Parishioners. On Saturday, 26th September, for the Jubilee of St. Francis, the Kenelm Youth Trust will be doing a Pilgrimage Walk from St. Michael's Church in Penn, Wolverhampton, to St. Francis of Assisi Church, Walsall. All welcome (please ask Joyce for details).

Kenelm Youth Trust. It is not too late for those aged 18-25 to apply to join the Kenelm Youth Trust Mission Team this year. Whether you are thinking about deferring university, taking a gap year, joining the Diocesan Mission Team could be the perfect opportunity. Contact Hannah: hannah.smith@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk 01538 703224.

Young Adult Community in Oxford. Are you aged 18-35 and looking for community in Oxford. ACTS29 is a vibrant young adult community in Oxford who meet monthly to share friendship, pray and grow in faith together. You will find something for you in this warm and welcoming community. Come along at 4.00 pm every 1st Sunday at Corpus Christi, Headington, OX3 8AJ. Email Christian: Christian.fitzgerald@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

Father Pat Armstrong, former parish priest here, is celebrating his 90th Birthday. We wish him HAPPY BIRTHDAY and many happy returns. May God bless him.

Tailpiece: One day, three men were trekking through a jungle when they came across a violent, raging river. They had no idea how to cross. The first man decided to pray: "Please, God, give me the strength to cross this river." Immediately he grew enormous muscles in his arms and legs. He dived into the river and with a great effort just managed to swim across it in a couple of hours. The second man saw this and he prayed "Please, God, give me the strength AND the tools to cross this river." A boat appeared from nowhere. He jumped into it and battled across the river in an hour, nearly capsizing many times. The third man saw this and prayed "Please, God, give me the strength, the tools AND the intelligence to cross this river." Immediately he turned into a woman. She looked at the map, walked upstream a hundred yards, and crossed over the bridge to the other side.

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