



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times, Intentions and Services		
Sunday 21 st June	10:00	Mass (via Zoom) Joseph - RIP
	18:00	Mass in Private for all lonely or isolated
Monday 22 nd June	09:00	Mass in private for the sick and the housebound
Tuesday 23 rd June	10:00	Mass in Private for Mary Quigley - RIP
Wednesday 24 th June	10:00	Mass in private for those suffering economic hardships
Thursday 25 th June	10:00	Mass in private for Nancy McDonnell - Anniversary
Friday 26 th June	10:00	Mass in private for the wellbeing of our parish
Saturday 27 th June	10:00	Mass in private for all who died from COVID 19
Sunday 28 th June	10:00	Mass (via Zoom)
	18:00	Mass in Private for all lonely or isolated

Offertory (collections): Normal weekend collections cannot be taken under current circumstances. While recognising that this is a very difficult time financially for many people, others may still wish to continue their regular Sunday donations, if they are not already using the envelopes or standing order facilities. Donations may be sent to the Parish even through standing order. We do not receive any financial support from the Diocese, and other sources of income like hall rental.

Mass Suspension Information

COVID 19: If you or someone you know in the parish is self-isolating and is in need of any support, such as help with shopping or a chat on the phone, please get in touch with the Parish Office: Email: sacredheartchurch.oxford@gmail.com Phone: 01865 776903 or 01865 762964. **Live streaming of Mass from St Anthony of Padua church at 10.00 am every day.** Please visit: <http://www.stanthonyofpadua.org.uk/> or https://www.facebook.com/Saop_Oxford-974143142974717/

Live streaming of the Mass also available at:

<https://corpuschristiheadington.co.uk>

<https://greyfriarsoxford.weebly.com>

Sunday Reflection from Fr. Pius Duke

Persecution often troubled the lives of the prophets. The first reading reminds us of the persecution faced by prophet Jeremiah. Here, we read how the contemporaries and friends of the prophet Jeremiah denounce him because he stands for the cause of truth and justice. Jeremiah laments the hardship caused by their actions, and this is highlighted by Jesus who asks his followers to be brave in promoting their faith. Jesus, in this gospel, views persecution as a kind of cloak that his disciples will have to wear if they are to be firm in their beliefs. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that all members of the People of God are potentially prophetic and need to play their part in handing on the truth about God. Therefore, "The whole people of God participates in the prophetic office of Christ and bears the responsibilities for the mission and service that flows from it" (CCC 786). However, the prophet takes consolation in his faith and trust in God who acts as his protector amid the persecutions. In the gospel text, Jesus admonishes us not to fear those who can only destroy the body but have no power to destroy the soul. The one to fear is God who has the power to destroy both body and soul. The fear of men and fear of losing our lives for the sake of the gospel lead us to deny both Christ and his gospel message. Jesus assures us of security amidst persecutions: "Every hair on our head has been counted." In the words of Martin Luther King Jr. "although the forces of evil may temporarily conquer truth, truth will ultimately conquer its conqueror."

Online Sunday Mass: Mass at 10.00 am via Zoom, live from Sacred Heart church. Please can parishioners mute their microphones before the service start, and wait until after the priest has left the alter before unmuting. Thank you.

If you like to be added to the mailing list, please contact Chris Breward Email: beward@maths.ox.ac.uk.

Volunteers: Adults between the age of 18 and 70 to kindly volunteer to help as cleaners and stewards in line with the current pandemic safety guidelines. PE and training will be provided and a minimum of two people will be on duty at any one time.

Masses will be celebrated each day privately by the parish clergy for your intentions. New Mass intention should be sent to sacredheartchurchoxford@gmail.com.

As the Body of Christ, let us pray...

Leader: This Father's Day we turn to you Almighty Father, ever living God. Hear our prayers that we bring before you in hope and everlasting love.

We pray for our Holy Father Pope Francis. Let us be thankful for his teachings and become his bearers of joy, proclaiming the Glory of God. Lord in your mercy... hear our prayers.

We pray for fathers and their importance in family life. Let us show gratitude for all they do in instilling knowledge and wisdom upon us. Just as Joseph nurtured Jesus, let us give thanks for hard working Fathers and their teachings of love and compassion. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

We pray for fathers to be. May they be blessed with tenderness and courage as they prepare to enter their journey into fatherhood. May they always inspire their children to flourish in this world. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers

We pray for those who are fatherless. May they be inspired, guided and supported by kind and generous father-like figures through the course of their life. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers

We pray for our clergy, living examples of God's love and devotion. We thank them for all they do in supporting and caring for our communities as they travel with us on the joys and sorrows of our human experience. Let us listen to their words as they empower us to be missionary disciples. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers

We pray for all who, like the apostles, are persecuted for their faith, and for each of us, that we might be faithful when we are ridiculed or insulted for practising our religion. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers

We pray to the Sacred Heart of Jesus this June. Bring us be closer to God through prayer than ever before. Let us follow Jesus' lead and be guided by our Almighty Father as we express our love for all humanity. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers

We pray for an end to racism, hate and violence in the world; may we see that every human life is precious, crafted in your image, made to reflect the breath-taking beauty of a multi-coloured creation. Lord in your mercy hear our prayers

We pray for the sick and the suffering in mind and body, and for all affected by the coronavirus. May you heal and comfort the sick, bless all who care for our loved ones and guide those looking for vaccines and treatments to end this pandemic. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers

We remember our relatives, friends and those in our community who have died; we pray that they would have eternal rest in your heavenly kingdom, and that those who mourn their passing would be comforted by your healing presence. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

We ask Mother of Jesus to intercede for us as we say, Hail Mary full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. Father, reveal your grace and truth to us each day. For yours is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen