



# Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

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## 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Times, Intentions and Services		
<b>Sunday</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> July	10:00	Mass (via Zoom) for Kathleen McGarry - RIP
	18:00	Mass in Private for all lonely or isolated
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	10:00	Mass in private for the sick and the housebound
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	19:00	Rosary & Mass (via Zoom) for all Heath Workers
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	10:00	Mass in private for those suffering economic hardships
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	10:00	Adoration & Mass (via Zoom) for Jim Maguire - RIP
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	10:00	Mass in private for the wellbeing of our parish
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	10:00	Mass in private for John Quigley - RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> July	10:00	Mass (via Zoom) people of the Parish
	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/](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

Words generally, once pronounced bear fruits, either good or bad. But the words of God “are spirit and they are life”, life eternal. God has said they would not return to him empty; shall accomplish that which he intends. However, how will they accomplish it? The parable of the sower in today’s Gospel reading shows that their fruitfulness and productivity depend on the disposition of whoever receives them. The concern is not about those who refuse to receive them but those who actually receive them. The parable presents four categories of receivers of the word of God. The first group (on the path) lacks the needed understanding of the word and therefore it was snatched away before long. How many Christian today care to deepen their knowledge of God’s word and of the faith they profess? Do you find time to read your Bible? Remember ignorance of the Scripture is ignorance of Christ. The second group (on rocky land) consists of those in whom the word does not have root, even though it was received with joy. Any little trouble is enough to make them abandon God and their faith. But the sufferings of the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. Therefore, let us be persevering in our faith and trust in God so that we might reach his promised glory. The third group consists of those who do not care to nurture the word because they are busy with the cares and delight in riches. In all these groups the word fails to yield fruit. The last group (good soil) is the group who hear and understand and put the word into practice. It therefore bears fruit in abundance. To which of this group do you belong?

**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. If you like to be added to the mailing list, please contact Chris Breward Email: [breward@maths.ox.ac.uk](mailto:breward@maths.ox.ac.uk). Thank you.

**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](mailto:sacredheartchurchoxford@gmail.com).

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

**Priest:** Let us now turn in prayer to God the Father, whose word has been sown in our hearts.

We pray for Pope Francis, Bishop Bernard and Fathers Pius and Vincent that they will be continually led by the Holy Spirit in their lives. May they faithfully teach the gospel and act as shepherds for Your people on earth. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

We pray that Your word would penetrate our hearts. When our lives are full of distraction, help us to make space to come to You in prayer and to listen to Your word so our lives may bear the harvest of peace and goodness. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

We pray for those who sow and reap in most literal sense. May farmers be blessed and safe in their work. Please bless them Lord with good yields and harvests. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

We ask You to strengthen our Christian brothers and sisters who are persecuted or ridiculed on the account of their faith; may they grow strong in witness and stay firmly on the path of discipleship. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

We continue to pray for all affected by the corona virus; please bless all who are ill, those caring for loved ones, health and social care workers, all key workers and those working on vaccines and treatments. We ask particularly as lockdown eases that we all take care to minimise the risk to ourselves and others. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

We pray that Governments across the world would be inspired by Your Holy Spirit to make good and ethical decisions and specially to protect people who are the most disadvantaged. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

We pray for everyone experiencing job insecurity and an uncertain future at this time, that they and their families might find security and the encouragement that they need in the days that lie ahead. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

We continue to pray for our young people, for all who have missed school, public exams and have level of social contact with their peers. Please bless them, keep them safe and we pray for safe and happy times over the summer holidays. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

We pray for the sick and the suffering in mind and body. May you heal and comfort the sick, bless all who care for our loved ones. **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 prayers.**

We ask Mary, mother of Jesus, to intercede for us as we say: Hail Mary .. .

Let us pray in silence as we offer our own intentions.

**Priest:** God our creator, you provide for the earth and for all who live, listen to the prayer we make to you today, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**