



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Times, Intentions and Services		
Sunday 19 th July	10:00	Mass (via Zoom) people of the Parish
	18:00	Mass in Private for all lonely or isolated
Monday 20 th July	10:00	Mass in private for the sick and the housebound
Tuesday 21 st July	19:00	Rosary & Mass (via Zoom) for all Heath Workers
Wednesday 22 nd July	10:00	Mass in private for those suffering economic hardships
Thursday 23 rd July	10:00	Adoration & Mass (via Zoom) for the elderly and vulnerable
Friday 24 th July	10:00	Mass in private for the wellbeing of our parish
Saturday 25 th July	10:00	Mass in private for all who died from COVID 19
Sunday 26 th 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/

Live streaming of the Mass also available at:

<https://corpuschristiheadington.co.uk>

<https://greyfriarsoxford.weebly.com>

Sunday Reflection from Fr. Pius Duke

Today's readings speak to us about a very patient and compassionate God who is hopeful that the so-called "weeds" among us will be converted. They warn us that we should not be in a hurry to eliminate such elements from the Church or society or the family based on unwarranted and hasty judgement. As long as we are human beings with human nature tainted by sin, there cannot be a perfect humanity having only good people. Good and bad, like the wheat and the weeds of today's Gospel passage, will always coexist till the end of the world. Good and evil will always be found together among persons and in institutions. God respects people and is patient with them. So also, we need to respect others, no matter what they are, and be patient with them. What happens quite often is that like the overenthusiastic servants of the Gospel we want the bad elements in the society and in the world to be plucked out and eliminated. But God is not like that. He wants both to grow together till harvest time. For he knows that as the wheat will survive in spite of the presence of weeds, so good people can grow in God's ways although they will be inconvenienced and have to suffer on account of the evil ones. Besides, it is not so easy to distinguish the wheat from weeds. So, we need to be patient and at the same time watchful not to be led astray by the evil ones. St Peter warns us to be sober and vigilant, for the devil comes prowling round like a roaring lion seeking those whom he might devour (1 Pet. 5:8). It is God and God alone that can separate the good from the evil at the time fixed by him. What we need to do is to make sure that we be among the good.

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 altar before unmuting. If you like to be added to the mailing list, please contact Chris Breward Email: beward@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.

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

Priest: To God, the Father of mercy and the Source of Justice, let us pray.

Leader: We pray for Pope Francis and all the leaders of the worldwide Christian Church; that, through their teaching and example, all peoples will come to recognise God's love for them. We pray especially for Fathers Pius and Vincent, in their ministry of your Word. **Lord, in your mercy...**

We pray for our political leaders and others of influence in the world. May they be guided by the principles of love and compassion for those most in need during these times of great economic challenge. **Lord, in your mercy...**

We pray for the poor around the world and for all the countries of the world suffering from the Coronavirus pandemic that we may soon see an end to its spread and the suffering it has brought in its wake. **Lord, in your mercy...**

We pray for our parish family, that our work and worship together may give witness to Christ's presence among us; we pray particularly for the sick of the parish and for those who look after them; and we pray for those who have died, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time. **Lord, in your mercy...**

Together with Mary, the mother of Jesus, we pray together: **Hail Mary ...**

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

Priest: Father, hear the prayers of your Church.

Let us be:

a wheat of compassion sown amid hatred and injustice;
a mustard seed of hope for all who come to us in need;
a yeast of your love to raise up the grieving, the lost and the forgotten.

We make these prayers to you in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.