



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Times, Intentions and Services		
Sunday 05 th July	10:00	Mass (via Zoom) for People of the Parish
	18:00	Mass in Private for all lonely or isolated
Monday 06 th July	10:00	Mass in private for the sick and the housebound
Tuesday 07 th July	19:00	Rosary & Mass ((via Zoom) for all Heath Workers
Wednesday 08 th July	10:00	Mass in private for those suffering economic hardships
Thursday 09 th July	10:00	Adoration & Mass (via Zoom) for the elderly and vulnerable
Friday 10 th July	10:00	Mass in private for the wellbeing of our parish
Saturday 11 th July	10:00	Mass in private for Barney Conway – RIP Anniversary.
Sunday 12 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

Have you ever been so angry with the way things are around you to the point you stopped communicating with God? Perhaps the loss of a dear one, a tragic accident or losing the only thing that mattered to you in life has distanced you from looking up to God? Some people will easily blame God for any crisis they experience. Some find it difficult to trust and believe in God's word and his promises due to bad situations. Sadly, while turning away from God many are turning to New Age practices, and to practices like palm reading, tarot card reading and all sorts of other practices for solutions to life's problems. The second reading tells us that such people should know not be deceived as nothing good can come to those who are involved in such practices. In fact, seeking for solutions or advice from such people is the same as saying that you no longer have faith in God which suggest that God is not in control of your life.

Jesus is concerned about each one of us who have to face difficulties and sufferings of various kinds. He is merciful and compassionate. He knows that we are weak and are overburdened at times and so he wants to help us and be our strength and comfort. He invites us: "Come to me all you who work hard and who carry heavy burdens, and I will refresh you.... I am gentle and humble of heart and you will find rest." All those who go to him with complete trust and childlike dependence shall find real joy and consider it a blessing to share in the yoke of Jesus. Let us not seek anywhere this comfort, but in Jesus Christ alone.

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: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 our Lord and God, the author of all love and source of our hope, let us offer our prayers in hope and humble anticipation.

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: Eternal Father, we pray that you will redeem us and heal us with your peace, teach us in your ways of justice and mercy, and unite us in your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus.