



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday, 20 th June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day for Life</i>	9.00 am 6.00 pm	<i>Ermelinda, Benjamin, Angel, Terejinha, & M. Carvalho</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>
Monday, 21 st June <i>Memorial of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious</i>	9.15 am	<i>Peter Rhodes (Anniversary)</i>
Tuesday, 22 nd June <i>Feast of Ss John Fisher & Thomas More, Martyrs</i>	<i>(9.15 am at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Bridget White (Anniversary)</i>
Wednesday, 23 rd June <i>Op. Mem. of St. Etheldreda (Audrey), Abbess</i>	No Public Mass Today	
Thursday, 24 th June Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist	6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	<i>Mary Quigley</i>
Friday, 25 th June	<i>(10.30 am Requiem Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <i>(7.00 pm at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Sr. Bruna Livieri</i> <i>Sasha Wernberg-Moller</i>
Saturday, 26 th June	No Public Mass Today	
Sunday, 27 th June Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 6.00 pm	<i>Gerard Doyle (Intentions)</i> <i>Ann-Marie Smith</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

Happy Father's Day today to all Dads

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass.

If you have recently moved into this parish, or if you are returning after lockdown, please come and say hello to me. Thank you.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sr. Bruna Livieri, Joe McLoughlin, Albert Philips and for the souls of all who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgr. Peter William Stonier, Mgr. Hugh Montgomery, Frs. Eric Morgan, Arthur Proudman, Geoffrey Tucker, Thomas Browne, John Boyer, James Walsh and Deacon Ralph Watkins, and also Cora Proctor and Nancy McDonnell. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. The Requiem Mass for Sr. Bruna will be at Our Lady's on Friday morning at 10.30 am.

Mass at Home. You are welcome to Sacred Heart for Mass, but if you wish to join us for Mass from your home, we can Zoom the Mass to you (please email me for a link). Alternatively, you could watch the Mass on Saturday, 5.30 pm, and/or Sunday, 11.00 am from Our Lady's where we are now live and can be viewed at <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>

Here is a prayer, an **Act of Spiritual Communion**, which you can say as you watch a Livestream Mass:

“My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.”

Please pray for those we know who are sick, including Jesmi Peiris, Domenico Mirto and Regina Soares. If you are ill and you would like to ask for prayers on this newsletter, let me know.

From the Archbishop’s Pastoral Letter that was read last week: “I invite you to think about the four essential aspects of our diocesan mission:

“Evangelisation – Encouraging others to know God’s love for them by inviting them to church, to pray and to encounter Christ – inviting them to parish groups where they can learn about Our Lord - helping to form missionary disciples and missionary parishes.

“Formation - Nurturing future Catholic leaders in our churches and schools by providing both spiritual and pastoral formation and support – helping us to play an active role in the parish community - helping us to understand more about our faith so as to deepen our personal relationship with God.

“Liturgy and Worship - Invigorating and deepening our worship and sacramental celebrations so that we share in and reflect the divine life of the Trinity - encouraging others to join us in praying to our Heavenly Father.

“Social Outreach - Building up the common good through our charitable outreach - offering our time, our resources and our love to those who need them most - inviting others to join us in our charitable work.

Please remember to think about what you can do in these four areas, and what we can do as a community, as we move forward together, out of the pandemic.

Day for Life. Today in England and Wales we are celebrating the annual *Day for Life*. This is the day in the Church’s year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The theme for this year centres on caring for the sick and dying. As well as prayer it is also important to support the work of pro-life organisations as they seek to promote and protect life from conception until its natural death. There are envelopes on your seats in church and if you wish to support the work of those organisations please put your offering in those envelopes and as you leave at the end of Mass put them into the collection baskets along with your offering for the church. Thank you.

Congratulations to everyone - teachers, pupils, families, admin and other staff, governors - who are connected with St. John Fisher School as they celebrate their Patronal Feast on Tuesday. May God bless them. Happy Feastday!

PARISH PRAYER FOR JUNE, THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a well-loved Catholic practice. Rooted in Scriptures, it delights in God’s boundless love for humanity.

Father, pour out your Holy Spirit on each member of our parish.

Warm our hearts with your love, so that we can follow you more closely.

Enlighten our minds so that we can understand the truth of your word.

Protect and strengthen all marriages and family life.

Make our homes places of prayer, peace, harmony and welcome.

Inspire us to work together with enthusiasm and build our parish into a loving and caring community.

**We make our prayer through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.**



Missio Red Box Appeal. The missionaries, and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by COVID-19. They have

asked us to pass on their thanks for your support through prayer and generous donations, and tell us that they pray for us all. **If you have a Red Box, please bring it in to be emptied by Sunday, 4th July.**

Tailpiece: Two men had been friends for years, when one of them suddenly fell ill. The other came to visit him on his deathbed, and they were reminiscing about the happy times they shared, especially playing or watching football. The friend said, “Listen, when you die, do me a favour. I want to know if there’s football in heaven.” The dying man said, “If I can, I’ll let you know.” And then he died. A couple of nights later, the man was sleeping when he heard his friend’s voice. The voice said, “I’ve got some good news and some bad news. The good news is that there is football in heaven.” “What’s the bad news?” “You’re playing in goal next Wednesday.”

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