



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th June, 2021

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Sunday, 27 th June Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 6.00 pm	Gerard Doyle (<i>Intentions</i>) Ann-Marie Smith
Monday, 28 th June <i>Memorial of St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr</i>	9.15 am (12.30 pm Requiem Mass at Our Lady's)	Tommy Blair (<i>speedy recovery</i>) Michael Joseph McLoughlin
Tuesday, 29 th June Solemnity of St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles	(9.15 am at Our Lady's) 11.00 am	Silvester Agnelo DaCunha Ron Jones
Wednesday, 30 th June <i>Op. Mem. of the First Martyrs of Rome</i>	No Mass Today	
Thursday, 1 st July <i>Op. Mem. of St. Oliver Plunkett, Bishop, Martyr</i>	6.00 pm <i>Exposition & Benediction</i> 7.00 pm	Dorothy Gardner (<i>speedy recovery</i>)
Friday, 2 nd July	(7.00 pm <i>Mass at Our Lady's</i>)	Fr. Pat Farrelly
Saturday, 3 rd July <i>Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle</i>	No Public Mass Today	
Sunday, 4 th July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00 am 6.00 pm	Cecilia Michael Phyllis Elwick
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

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 FMA, Michael Joseph McLoughlin, Florinda Louise Turner** and all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgr. Patrick Corrigan, Canon Francis Dudley, Frs. John Bradley, John Joseph McMorrow and William O'Malley, and also Ron Jones.

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."

St. Peter & St. Paul. The Solemnity of St. Peter & St. Paul occurs on Tuesday of this week. Ordinarily this would be a Holyday of Obligation, but obviously the obligation to attend Mass is suspended while the pandemic continues. There will be Mass at Our Lady's at 9.15 am and here at Sacred Heart at 11.00 am.

Prayer at the end of Mass:

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! *Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Please pray for those we know who are sick. If you are ill and you would like to ask for prayers on this newsletter, let me know.

COVID Precautions. Advice and regulations seem to be changing all the time and it is rather confusing. At present, as I understand it, the following rules apply:

- **WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS** The number of attendees is determined by how many people the building can safely accommodate with social distancing measures in place. We ask that people attend by family invitation/consent only.
- **BAPTISMS** Unfortunately the cap of 30 attendees remains in place for Baptism services.
- **FACE COVERINGS** Please continue to wear a face mask in the church (unless exempt).
- **SOCIAL DISTANCING** If you are not in a “bubble”, please continue to keep at least one meter distant from the next person.

Holy Communion For The Sick And Housebound. If you know of parishioners or family members who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please let me know.

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 next Sunday, 4th July.**

Reflect With Me. On your seats this week you should find a leaflet from the Archbishop inviting us to reflect on the diocesan vision statement. I hope that we can do this together as a parish community, either live or by zoom, in the near future.

First Friday. This Friday is the first of the month and we shall say the Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart before the evening Mass on Thursday evening.

Next Sunday afternoon I have to go to Birmingham for the Ordinations of three men as Permanent Deacons. That means that I cannot be here for the evening Mass at 6.00. Fr. Martin Flatman has very kindly agreed to cover here for me. Please pray for the three men who are being ordained, and for their families.

Pope’s Prayer Intention for July: Social Friendship. We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Tailpiece: During World War II, when the American troops first came to this country, one priest preached about how he wanted all his flock to welcome the stranger in their midst. So one woman invited a couple of GIs to her home for coffee, and when they came she tried to make conversation in the English style. “I’m afraid it looks like rain,” she commented. “Never mind, Ma’am,” one of the soldiers replied, comfortingly. “It *smells* like coffee.”

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