



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday, 4 th July <i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 am 6.00 pm	<i>Cecilia Michael Phyllis Elwick</i>
Monday, 5 th July <i>Optional Memorial of St. Modwen, or of Blessed George Nichols & Companions, or of St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria</i>	9.15 am	<i>Antonio G Nazianzeno Dos Santos</i>
Tuesday, 6 th July <i>Op. Mem. of St. Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr</i>	No Mass Today	
Wednesday, 7 th July	No Mass Today	
Thursday, 8 th July	No Mass Today	
Friday, 9 th July <i>Op. Memorial of St. Augustine Zhao Rong, & Companions, Martyrs</i>	<i>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Thomas Griffin (Anniversary)</i>
Saturday, 10 th July	No Public Mass Today	
Sunday, 11 th July <i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 am 6.00 pm	<i>Jose Martins - RIP Barney Conway - RIP</i>

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 soul of Florinda Louise Turner and the souls of all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgr. Louis McRae, Frs. Michael Cullinan, Henry Hayward, Leonard Joppe, William Rooney, Vincent Armishaw, Joseph Pires, Michael Gaffney, Bernard Thomas Maddox, Brendan Mary Donlon and Deacon Anthony Bateman, and also Thomas Griffin. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

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."

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.*

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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.

Annual Retreat. I shall be away on Retreat from Monday-Friday this week. I am sorry that this means there will be no Mass or Confessions here on Thursday evening and no streaming of Morning Prayer from Our Lady's after Monday until Saturday. Please pray for me and I shall pray for you.

COVID Precautions. 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.



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 today.**

Sea Sunday. Next Sunday is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a collection for Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. For an appeal talk from Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/ SeaSunday. To donate and for more information, please visit: www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Thank you.

Ordinations to the Permanent Diaconate. Please pray for Jim, Peter and Krzysztof who are being ordained in St. Chad's this afternoon, and for their families. I cannot be here for the Mass at 6.00, but Fr. Martin Flatman has very kindly agreed to cover.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The Holy Father has designated 25th July the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Lianne Pap, the Marriage and Family Life Coordinator in the Diocese, has sent this message about Diocesan Initiatives:

- **Photos**

As a diocese I would like to compile some images of grandchildren giving their grandparents a hug (or a virtual hug if they are not able to meet in person). These can be emailed to me or I can be tagged on social media, <https://www.facebook.com/familyministrybrum>; <https://twitter.com/FamilyMinstry>.

- **Words of Wisdom**

What wise words do you remember that your grandparents or elderly have passed onto you?

- **Grandparents groups**

As a diocese I would like to establish parish-based grandparents groups which will be affiliated to the Catholic Grandparents Association. They would be for grandparents (& honorary grandparents) to meet monthly for prayer, encouragement in passing on the faith, ongoing formation and friendship.

Ask your MP to vote against abortion up to birth. The abortion lobby will bring forward an amendment to a Bill to **introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth** to England and Wales. This would leave England and Wales with one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. This radical proposal will probably be voted on by MPs this Monday. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool that makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to vote against the motion. Please click the link to contact your MP. It only takes 30 seconds! www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth

Syro-Malabar Catholic Community in Oxfordshire. Next Saturday (1.00-6.00) we welcome members of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Community to Sacred Heart for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation of thirteen children.

Tailpiece: A teacher was fed up with one of her pupils coming into the classroom without shutting the door, so one day after the latest failing she exclaimed, "Who was born in a barn, then?" Without blinking the child replied, "Jesus, Miss!"

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