



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary *15th August, 2021*

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Sunday, 15 th August <i>Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.00 am 6.00 pm	Mary Doyle <i>The People of the Parish</i>
Monday, 16 th August <i>Op. Memorial of St. Stephen of Hungary</i>	9.15 am	Thomas Flynn
Tuesday, 17 th August	No Public Mass Today	Marion Boggis (<i>Get well</i>)
Wednesday, 18 th August <i>Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi</i>	No Public Mass Today	P J Grealish
Thursday, 19 th August <i>Op. Memorial of St. John Eudes, Priest.</i> <i>Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi</i>	No Public Mass Today	Elizabeth John - <i>Thanksgiving</i>
Friday, 20 th August <i>Memorial of St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church</i> <i>Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi</i>	(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Beatrice Upham (<i>Birthday</i>)
Saturday, 21 st August <i>Memorial of Pope St. Pius X</i> <i>Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi</i>	No Public Mass Today	
Sunday, 22 nd August <i>Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi</i>	9.00 am 6.00 pm	Mary Doyle <i>The People of the Parish</i>

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church.

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maria Mirto, and the souls of all who have died recently, and also those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Cardinal Bernard William Griffin, Canon Bernard Cusworth, Frs. Leslie McCallum, Kevin Keany, Terence Smith and Patrick Cooney, Deacon Douglas Taylor, Joe Barrett, Annie Ryan, Patricia Daines, Seamus Whelan and Gabrielle Crawford. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Mass at Home. We are no longer streaming the Sunday morning Mass from Sacred Heart on Zoom. 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."

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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. If you use a Sunday Missal to prepare and follow the prayers and readings of the Sunday Mass please note that today is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven.

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

Your Parish Needs YOU!! Please join in.

There are yellow leaflets inviting you to volunteer for different things. It is the chance to re-start things, or perhaps to start something new in the parish. Please ask yourself if you would like to be part of the re-awakening of our parish and fill in the leaflet and leave it in the basket on the table.

Future Parish Events.

- **Parish Party.** I still have hopes of having a party for the whole parish when we could get together and re-awaken a sense of community. It could be a last blast of summer holiday! **No charge, but everyone can help!** Would you support it by coming along? We are not allowed to “bring and share” yet, so bring your own food and come and go as you wish. Sadly (or happily, depending on how you take it) all my Sunday afternoons are booked for Baptisms until October, which is probably too late for an outdoor party. Of course, you can have a party without me; I could still look in. But would anyone be willing to organise and run it, please?
- **A Day of Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers.**
- **A course for anyone who would like to be received into the Church or who would simply like to know more about the Faith.**
- **Bible Study or Prayer Groups**

March for Life UK. March for Life UK is happening on Saturday, 4th September, in London. This is an actual, in-person event that will hopefully inspire, educate and motivate our nation to value all life from the moment of conception.



Holidays. I shall be away for the second part of my summer break this week, from Monday, 16th August, until Friday, 20th August.

There will be no Mass or Confessions here on Thursday evening. I shall offer Mass for the intentions listed while I am away.

CAFOD: Urge Rishi Sunak to show climate leadership ahead of COP26. With just a few months to go to COP26, add your name to our call for the Chancellor to step up to the challenge and prevent communities who’ve done least to cause the climate crisis from paying the biggest cost.

<https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/85465/action/1>

Annual Novena of Prayer for the Cause of Blessed Dominic Barberi. The annual Novena of Prayer in the Archdiocese begins this week, on Wednesday, and it goes on until the Feast of Blessed Dominic, 26th August. Please join the Archbishop and the diocesan family as we pray this Novena:

Novena Prayer for the

Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi

O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will, in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church.

Mary, Mother of Holy Hope, Pray for us.

St. John Henry Newman, Pray for us.

Blessed Dominic Barberi, Pray for us.

Parish Census. It is important that our records are as accurate as they can be. If your family did not complete and return the forms last summer, please can I encourage you to do so now. If you would like a paper copy of the form, please ask me for one. If you would like an electronic copy, please email sacredheart.oxford@rcaob.org.uk. Please return the forms to Chris Breward either by email (preferred option) or by post, c/o Sacred Heart Church.

Keys. We are hoping that we can rent out the flat above the hall to a priest from the Cardinal Newman Syro-Malabar Mission in Oxford. He would use as a base to minister to his community. Can I therefore ask that if you have keys to the downstairs door to the flat or to the small meeting room here at Sacred Heart can you return them to me or to Chris Breward as soon as possible, please?

Tailpiece: On the Feast of the Assumption, here’s one about heaven. A heckler once mockingly asked a Catholic public speaker whether there would be toilets in heaven. The speaker noted, “Apparently the poor fellow was unable to bear the thought of an eternity without a wall to write on.”

May God bless you and all those you love.

Fr. Harry