



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

29th August, 2021

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Sunday, 29 th August <i>Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 am Mass 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Ernesto Madeire, Domingos Rebelo RIP</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>
Monday, 30 th August <i>Op. Memorial of Ss. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward, Martyrs</i>	9.15 am Mass	<i>George Gardner (Get well)</i>
Tuesday, 31 st August <i>Optional Memorial of St. Aidan, Bishop, and the Saints of Lindisfarne</i>	No Public Mass Today	
Wednesday, 1 st September <i>World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation</i>	7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's	<i>Martin Rock Grealish</i>
Thursday, 2 nd September	<i>(1.00 pm Requiem Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	<i>Maria Mirto</i> <i>Christo (Thanksgiving)</i>
Friday, 3 rd September <i>Feast of Pope St. Gregory the Great, Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Mick Iagoe (Brthday)</i>
Saturday, 4 th September <i>Optional Memorial of St. Cuthbert, Bishop</i>	No Public Mass Today	
Sunday, 5 th September <i>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 am Mass 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Jorge Carrascalao, Dinis Madeira & Carlota Pinto RIP</i> <i>Thomas RIP</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass today, especially if you are returning following the pandemic or here for the Bank Holiday.

If you have time, please come and say hello to me after Mass. 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 Brenda Browning, Maria Mirto, and the souls of all who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgr Canons Laurence Emery and Leonard Emery, Mgr. James Crichton, Canons Laurence Hogarty and Joseph Nightingale, Frs. Francis Toole, Brendan O'Malley, J. Basil Singleton, Bernard Salt, Thomas O'Doherty and James J. Holland, and also James Moore, John Joseph O'Connor, Sr. Iolanda Marsella FMA. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

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.

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.”

Welcome. Next Saturday evening at the 5.30 Mass at Our Lady’s, we shall welcome Kim Harris into the family of the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Kim sometimes comes to Mass here at Sacred Heart, and she has been preparing for this for a long time. I invite you all to share her joy on this occasion. Please pray for her and for her family.

Your Parish Needs YOU!! Please join in.

Thank you to those who have returned their yellow leaflets. 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 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.

CAFOD responding to multiple emergencies across the world. You can read about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters & brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news..>

Please urge Rishi Sunak to show climate leadership ahead of COP26. With just a few months to go to COP26, add your name to the 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>

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.

**Do you want to become a Catholic?
Do you know anyone who wants to be a Catholic?
Do you know anyone who is lapsed from their faith but would like to know more so that they can come back?**

Do YOU want to know more about your faith?
I am planning a series of meetings on Monday evenings at Our Lady’s, starting on Monday, 27th September at 7.00 pm. The meetings will be “live” in the Don Bosco Centre, but they will also be Zoomed to people who do not want to attend in person. Everyone is welcome. Please mention this to anyone you know who may be interested.

1st September. Pope Francis has established the first day of September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. This is the start of the Season of Creation (1st Sept to 4th Oct).

The Pope Francis Catholic MAC in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, which currently comprises eleven Catholic schools in Oxfordshire, wants to appoint a Governance Manager. For further details and to apply, go to: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/bgn-oxon>

First Holy Communion Preparation. As you know, the pandemic has messed up our usual calendar of preparation. To “catch up” I should like to have two programmes of preparation. The first series of instructions will be for children aged 9 or over on 1st September, 2021. After Christmas there will be another programme for those aged 8 on 1st September, 2021. **Parents, if your child is aged 9+ and has not made his or her First Holy Communion yet, please email me with the details.** Thank you.

The annual diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage, Saturday 9th October, 12.00 noon at St Chad’s Cathedral. The Mass is open to all married couples, and those preparing to marry in 2021 but you will need to register a place via email –marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk Closing date to register for the Mass is 1st October.

Tailpiece: A priest was once summoned urgently to the sickbed of a woman in a neighbouring parish. He was rather puzzled why he had been called because he knew that she was a devoted member of her own parish, so he asked the daughter, “It’s flattering that your mother wanted to see me in her illness. Is your own priest away?” “Oh, no,” answered the child, “He’s home. Only we thought it might be something contagious – and we didn’t want to take any risks.”

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