



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th September, 2021

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Sunday, 12 th September <i>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Education Sunday</i>	9.00 am Mass 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Tony Donovan</i> <i>Jomon John - Thanksgiving</i>
Monday, 13 th September <i>Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop</i>	9.15 am Mass	<i>Elsa Ross</i>
Tuesday, 14 th September <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	<i>(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Gerard and Yvonne</i> <i>(Intentions)</i>
Wednesday, 15 th September <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	No Public Mass Today	
Thursday, 16 th September <i>Memorial of St. Cornelius, Pope, and</i> <i>St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i>	6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	<i>Special Intention</i>
Friday, 17 th September <i>Op. Memorial of St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop</i>	<i>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>John Paul Cassidy</i>
Saturday, 18 th September	No Public Mass Today	
Sunday, 19 th September <i>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Home Mission Sunday</i>	9.00 am Mass 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Anne O'Neill</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass today.

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 souls of Brenda Browning, Manuel Marco, Baby Arju Thomas Gaulty Ulahannan and all who have died recently or whose anniversaries occur at this time: Archbishop George Patrick Dwyer, Canons Robert Nicholson and Peter McKenna, Frs. Guy Colman, Richard Dinnis, Patrick Meagher, William Alfred Oddie, John Lopes and Alan Leslie Holtham, and also Andrew McGregor. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Next Sunday is Home Mission Sunday when we pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales.

Please pray for 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 to Kim Harris who was baptised, confirmed and received her first Holy Communion last Monday. Congratulations to her. 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.

Education Sunday. Today is Education Sunday when we are asked to pray for the work of Catholic education across the schools of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. There will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service at Masses this weekend.

Gift Aid Donors. There are still envelopes that gift aid donors have not picked up yet. It is essential that you use your envelopes for your offertory, otherwise we cannot claim the tax back on your weekly offerings.

Secondly, we need to know if you are no longer paying tax, so that we can take you off our records. If you have moved house in the past 2 years, we need an up-to-date address for you. **We need this information as soon as possible so that we can send in our claim for the year 2020/21.**

Gift aiders are important to the parish, and over the past few years we have lost several gift aiders, so it is vital that we can claim funds for the parish in this way, especially at this present time. We would like to encourage all taxpayers, who do not at present gift aid their offerings to the church, to consider doing so, please. For more information or to sign up for gift aiding, please contact Sally McVeigh on 01865 779078.

Marriage: Please pray for Adrian and Kim Aspel who were married this weekend. May God bless them with His gifts as they continue to live this Sacrament of unity and love.

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.

Eucharistic Ministers' Day of Recollection. Saturday, 25th September, 10.00-2.00 at Our Lady's, Hollow Way. Although the pandemic still prevents at least some activities, we can begin to think about starting some aspects of this ministry. We can start by praying together. It is open to all present ministers and those who would like to know more about it.

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.

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>

CATHOLICISM MADE SIMPLE

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.

Kenelm Youth Trust. The KYT is the Youth Service in the Archdiocese. As we emerge from the pandemic and increase school and programme numbers, Kenelm Youth Trust are seeking to recruit enthusiastic and capable retreat leaders and operational staff:

- Alton Castle Trainee Programme Leader
- Alton Castle Programme Leader
- Catering Assistant
- Housekeeping Assistant

All the information can be found on their website:

<https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/work4kyt.html>

Tailpiece: A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl pointed out that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher repeated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah'. The teacher asked, 'What if Jonah went to hell?' The little girl replied, 'Then you can ask him yourself'.

May God bless you and all those you love.

Fr. Harry