



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th June, 2022

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Sunday, 26 th June Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Mr. Mrs Connolly Gaafar Elomari The People of the Parish
Monday, 27 th June <i>Op. Mem. of St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Ancy and Family
Tuesday, 28 th June <i>Mem. of St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr</i>	No Public Mass Today	Dec'd Groden Family
Wednesday, 29 th June Solemnity of St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles Holyday of Obligation	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's) 7.00 pm Mass	The O'Dwyer Family Philomena Harrington
Thursday 30 th June <i>Op. Mem. of the First Martyrs of Rome</i>	6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Josie Dekkers
Friday, 1 st July <i>Op. Mem. of St. Oliver Plunkett, Bishop, Martyr</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Emmi Egbuonu
Saturday, 2 nd July	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (11.30 am Mass at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Peter Nottingham Filomena de Jesus Goncalves
Sunday, 3 rd July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Francisco G. Ximenes Kath Mullagh's Intentions The People of the Parish
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, 6.00 - 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass today.

If you are new to the parish, or returning to Mass after the pandemic, please come and say hello to me.

This Wednesday (29th June) is the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, which is a Holyday of Obligation, when we are required to take part in Mass if we can. There will be Mass at Our Lady's at 9.15 am and here at Sacred Heart at 7.00 pm.

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Brenda O'Meara, Claudino Serra Vaz, Janet Oakley, Phil Bawden, Kevin and Hilary Kirby, David (3 years old), Barry Holland, Betty Duff and Eileen McGarry and all those we know who are sick.

Please pray for the souls of Sr. Rose Cavanagh FMA, Jane Hannah Boyce, Filomeno Da Cruz Martins, Bridget Cherry, Robert Jackson, Duarte Coito and all who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frs. John Bradley, John Joseph McMorro and Deacon Ralph Watkins, and also Cora Proctor, Nancy McDonnell and Ron Jones. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Mass at Home. If you are not able to come to Mass you could watch it on Saturday, 5.30 pm, and/or Sunday, 11.00 am from Our Lady's where it is livestreamed at <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>. Here is a prayer that you can say when you watch the 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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Prayer Before Mass:

God our Father, you sent Jesus, our High Priest, to redeem us and you willed that His saving work should continue through the ministry of priests. Enlighten us to celebrate this Sunday Mass with our priest, so that, empowered by the Word of life and the Eucharist, we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to live to the full our Christian calling. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

Sacred Heart Grand Prize Draw.

The draw will take place on 24th July. Great prizes.
Raffle tickets are available today; £1 for a book.

Peter's Pence. There will be a Second Collection at Masses this weekend for Peter's Pence, our national gift as Catholics to the Pope to assist his apostolic work.

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.

March For Life UK. This year marks the sad milestone of 10 million abortions in the UK since the 1967 Abortion Act. The annual March for Life will be held in London on Saturday, 3rd September. For information go to: <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/>

Message from CAFOD: "CAFOD says a huge thank you for all your support, prayers, and donations for the people of Ukraine. Catholics in England and Wales have donated over £3 million, and this is enabling immediate, practical support – such as the provision of food, clothing, shelter, and transport. Please keep the people of Ukraine and all our brothers and sisters who face daily suffering in your prayers. Visit cafod.org.uk/UkraineAppeal for more information. Thank you and God bless you."

Pope's Prayer Intention for July: For the elderly. We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to honour Our Lady of Lourdes at Hednesford. next Sunday, 3rd July, starting at 1.00 pm and ending with Mass at 4.00 pm. *Please take your own chairs.*

Head of Safeguarding for the Archdiocese. The Archdiocese are seeking to recruit a head of Safeguarding. Closing date: 11th July 2022. For more information please contact Adam Stacey, via info@charismarecruitment.co.uk or 01962 813300.

Garden Party at Newman's College, Littlemore: Saturday, 9th July, 3.00-5.00 pm. Enjoy homemade cakes, games, various stalls, and more. Live music by a string quartet. Guided tours will be available at 4.00 pm.



Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Every church in the Diocese is allotted one day during the year when they are asked to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for Vocations. **Monday, 11th July**, is our annual Parish Day. I should like to have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the usual 9.15 Mass until 1.00 pm. But we can only do that if people are here in the church. There is a sign-up sheet in the porch and please sign up for times when you can be here. It will end with Benediction at 1.00 pm. Please try to visit the Blessed Sacrament to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Diaconate.

My Day By Day Book for July is now available at the back of church (price £1).

Congratulations to the children who made their First Holy Communion last weekend and thank you to all who helped to prepare them and helped with the services.

And more congratulations and welcome to Ermias Kairu Hill who was baptised here yesterday and we welcome him into the family of the Church.

Accommodation? A missionary family (two adults and three young children) are looking for accommodation to rent in the Littlemore or surrounding areas over the summer. If you can help, please let me know.



Missio Red Boxes. If you have a Red Box, could you please bring it in to be emptied by next weekend. Thank you.

Tailpiece: A woman died and went up to the Pearly Gates. St. Peter stopped her and said, "You can only come in here if you know something about love. For instance, can you spell it?" The woman did so, and St. Peter happily allowed her to step inside. Then he said, "Will you do me a favour? I've been here for nearly two thousand years, and I really need to go to the toilet. You've seen what I do; can you just mind the gates for me for a minute, please?" She agreed, and while she was there who should arrive but her husband. "Hello, Dear," said she. "It's nice to see you again, but I'm afraid that you can only come in here if you can pass a test. Spell ... Czechoslovakia."

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