



# Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

## *Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### *28<sup>th</sup> August, 2022*

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Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> August <b>Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<i>(Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm at Our Lady's)</i> <b>9.00 am Mass</b> <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	Anne Marie Lyons (Birthday) Annette Wager Kathleen McCarthy (Anniv.) Martinho Amaral
Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist, Martyr</i>	<i>No Public Mass Today</i>	<i>Private Intention</i>
Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Op. Mem. of Ss. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line &amp; Margaret Ward, Martyrs</i>	<i>No Public Mass Today</i>	<i>Private Intention</i>
Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> August <i>Op. Memorial of St. Aidan, Bishop, &amp; the Saints of Lindisfarne</i>	<i>No Public Mass Today</i>	<i>Mr and Mrs Connelly</i>
Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> September <b>World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation</b>	<i>6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction</i> <i>7.00 pm Mass</i>	<i>Special Intention</i>
Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i> <i>(7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Emmi Egbuonu</i>
Saturday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> September <i>Feast of St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i> <i>(Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Michael Iago (Birthday)</i>
Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September <b>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<i>7.45 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i> <b>9.00 am Mass</b> <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	<i>John Joseph McGroarty</i> <i>Maureen White</i> <i>(Anniversary)</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.**

**Welcome** and thank you to Fr. Francis Turner SJ from Campion Hall, who has kindly agreed to come to celebrate this weekend's Masses here at Sacred Heart and also at Our Lady's.

**Please pray for the soul of Paul Watts and the souls of all who have died recently**, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Canon Laurence Emery, Mgr. Canon Leonard Emery, Mgr. James Dunlop Crichton, Canons Laurence Hogarty and Joseph Nightingale, Frs. Isaac William Savin, Francis Toole, Brendan O'Malley, J. Basil Singleton, Bernard Salt and Thomas O'Doherty, and also Kathleen McCarthy, John Joseph Patrick O'Connor, Pietro Lindo, Sr. Iolanda Marsella FMA. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. 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."*

### 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.*

**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.

**Future events.** There will be more information later, but please make sure you have these dates in your diaries:

1. A CAFOD Parish Day of Recollection. Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30 -3.30, at Our Lady's church, in the Don Bosco Centre. This Day will be based on the CAFOD "Seven Station Journey" and will help us to reflect on how we use the blessings of God.
2. A Parish day out to Douai Abbey, with Mass, a tour and a talk. Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October. Douai Abbey is a Benedictine Abbey at Upper Woolhampton, near Thatcham, Berkshire. It is about 36 miles from here.
3. A Day for Parish Readers. Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 10.00-4.00 in Our Lady's church and the Don Bosco Centre. During Mass it is the role of the Reader to proclaim the Word of God. It is not like reading anything else. This Day for Readers will give some practical help for reading, and also some spiritual input as we approach Advent. If you are a reader or would like to be one (I should welcome new readers), please make sure this date is in your diary.

**Prayers for the Sick.** Please pray for Barry Holland, Betty Duff and Eileen McGarry and all those we know who are sick.

**Remember: refreshments are available in the hall after the 9.00 am Mass on Sundays. Come and have a chat with friends and make new ones.**

**World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.** Pope Francis has established 1<sup>st</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October). To see his message and/or a summary, go to [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/News/pope-francis-issues-message-ahead-of-season-of-creation](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/News/pope-francis-issues-message-ahead-of-season-of-creation).

**The Relics of St. Bernadette**, to whom Our Lady appeared at Lourdes in 1858, will be visiting the Archdiocese and will be in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Bicester, on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October. This will be a chance to pray in the presence of St Bernadette's relics and draw closer to Our Lady. To book your visit: <https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/#birmingham-diocese>

#### VISIT OF ST BERNADETTE'S RELICS:

Programme:

##### **Sunday, 9th October 2022**

9.00 pm Arrival & Prayers of welcome  
9.15 pm to Midnight Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Veneration of the Relics & Rosary  
Candle-lit procession  
12 Midnight Holy Mass

##### **Monday 10th October 2022**

7.00 am Veneration of the Relics  
8.00 am Morning Prayer  
8.15 am – 9.00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Veneration of the Relics  
10.00 am Rosary – livestreaming to all Catholic Schools guided by: **Archbishop Bernard Longley**  
10.30 am to 12.45 pm Anointing of the sick  
1.00 pm Concelebrated Mass - **Bishop David Evans**

**Pope's Prayer Intention for September: For the abolition of the death penalty.** We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

**Holidays.** I shall be back from holiday on Thursday, and the office will be closed until then. If you need to speak to a priest, please contact Canon Mervyn at Corpus Christi, Telephone: 01865 762433; Email: [corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk).

**Tailpiece:** A lady was collecting the Christian Aid envelopes. Calling at one house she met the response: "Sorry, I can't give you anything, the dog ate the envelope." "That's alright," she countered, "I have a spare envelope." Back came the quick answer, "It's no good. He'd only eat that one too."

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