



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd January, 2023

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Sunday, 22 nd January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Sunday of the Word of God</i> <i>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Ena Maguire (Anniversary) Laurindo Madeira & Guilhermina Sarmento The People of the Parish
Monday, 23 rd January <i>Op. Memorial of St. Nicholas Owen</i> <i>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Mary Lillis & Bernie Gavin
Tuesday, 24 th January <i>Memorial of St. Francis de Sales</i> <i>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Daniel Tang (Intentions)
Wednesday, 25 th January <i>Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul</i> <i>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	11.00 am Requiem Mass	Stephen Motherway
Thursday, 26 th January <i>Memorial of St. Timothy & St. Titus</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (11.30 am Requiem Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Robert Gleeson Thomas Gaughan (get well)
Friday, 27 th January <i>Op. Mem. of Bl. Edward Oldcorne, or of St. Angela Merici</i> Holocaust Memorial Day	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Sr. Teresa (Intentions)
Saturday, 28 th January <i>Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (5.30 pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady's)	Cecilia Lorraine Smith
Sunday, 29 th January Fourth 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	Eduardo Esteban Peter Nottingham RIP Fernando Neves Liu & Luzia Pereira Lobato
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass today.

Today is the “Sunday of the Word Of God”. It is celebrated each year on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time and it is a day when we reflect on the importance of the Bible in our faith.

This year's theme is *Blessed are those who bear the word of God!* (cf. Lk 11: 28).

During the Mass your Bibles will be blessed and our Readers will be commissioned or recommissioned for their ministry.

We pray for all those who have died recently, remembering Dcn Joe Patterson, Richard Hansen, Dermot Carroll, Stephen Motherway and Robert Gleeson, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgr. Peter Dao-Duc-Diem, Canons Bernard McKenna, Arthur Wall, Thomas Copey and Giles Goward, Frs. Michael Walshe, George Jackson, John Tolkien, Joseph McKenna, David Lloyd, Charles Ross, John Garvey, Anthony Timlin and Vincent Joseph Royles, and Deacon Michael Ainsworth, and also Mary McGarry, Sarah McVeigh and Anne Marie Kelly. May they rest in peace.

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Barry Holland, Rosalind Ingrams, Betty Duff and Eileen McGarry and all those we know who are sick. If you or someone you know is sick and would like to be included on this bulletin, please let me know.

The counting rota: Sunday, 22nd January: Kylla and Lilian, Sunday, 29th January: Chris and Edwin.

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*Our Parish Prayer: Help us, Lord, to receive you with an open heart this day.
May our community receive your grace and deepen its faith in you.
Make us lights to shine forth with your love, giving life and hope to those who have fallen away
or who have never known you. Amen.*

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 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.*

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

Young Adult Group for 18-35s at Holy Rood Church on Abingdon Road. Next meeting is on Monday, 23rd January with Br John Bosco, OCD. He will talk on 'Jesus Christ in the Pauline letters - Who was He?' 7.30-9.00 pm. For info contact Kate, 07933765367. All welcome.

First Holy Communion Preparation. Children aged 8 or older are invited to start preparing to receive Holy Communion on the Feast of Corpus Christi, 10th/11th June.

Preparation classes will be in the parish hall on Monday afternoons, 4.30-5.30 pm, starting on Monday, 20th February. The Mass of Enrolment on Sunday, 26th February.

Parents, if you haven't done so already, please register your children's names with me, either with one of the application forms at the back of church.

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Going Into Hospital. Please do let me know if you or someone you know is going into hospital. It is also important that you [ask for the Catholic chaplain](#) when in hospital because Chaplains are often no longer automatically given the names of Catholic patients.

National Rethink Abortion Training Day, Saturday, 4th February at Oscott College, Birmingham, B73 5AA, 10.00-5.00. An interactive event equipping you to talk about abortion in a meaningful and productive way in your everyday life. £25 (inc. lunch and refreshments). To book your place go to marchforlife.co.uk

Holocaust Memorial Day. 27th January is the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. Every year on that day we remember the millions of people killed in the Holocaust, and in subsequent genocides.

Leprosy. There will be a second collection at Masses next weekend for Leprosy a charity whose mission is to beat leprosy. In the 99 years since their founding, they have helped millions of people affected by leprosy. There is now a cure for leprosy, however there is still work to be done as prejudice, discrimination, and lack of healthcare and resources mean not everyone can receive this in time to prevent disabilities.

Marriage Encounter England and Wales are offering a course on 3rd – 5th March at The Campanile Hotel, Great Western Way, Delta Business Park, Swindon, SN5 7XG. The marriage enrichment course offers a chance for couples to rekindle their relationships and focus on what is important to them. Please go to <https://wwme.org.uk> for more information and to book.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We are now in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It concludes on Wednesday, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

Invitation from CAFOD. CAFOD's Big Lent Walk is for a school, a parish, or a group of friends to walk together. Walk when and where you choose over 40 days, alone or with friends, have fun or take time to pray and reflect. As a Lent commitment, it's an inspiring way to bring our faith into every day of Lent, and support others in need. For more go to walk.cafod.org.uk

Tailpiece: Back in the days when telephones simply made calls, a priest 'phoned up Archbishop's House in a right old temper. "Is the old so-and-so there?" he demanded. "This *is* the old so-and-so", a glacial voice informed him. "Well, do you know who *I* am?" roared the priest. "No", came the reply. "Good!" said the priest, and hung up.

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