



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th February, 2023

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Sunday, 12 th February <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) (4.30 Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Florrie Murphy Daniel Tang (Intentions) The People of the Parish
Monday, 13 th February	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	John Gerard Flanagan and John Flanagan (Anniv.)
Tuesday, 14 th February <i>Feast of Ss. Cyril & Methodius Day of Prayer for Europe</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Daniel Tang (Intentions)
Wednesday, 15 th February	No Public Mass Today	Winnie de Souza
Thursday, 16 th February	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Comsetta Peter
Friday, 17 th February <i>Op. Mem. of the Seven Founders of the Order of Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Mark Shingleton (Get Well)
Saturday, 18 th February	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (11.00 Mass at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady's)	Santiago Augusto Anne Mullagh
Sunday, 19 th February <i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Day for the Unemployed</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	Cecilia Michael Daniel Tang (Intentions) The People of the Parish
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass today.

We pray for all those who have died recently: **Sr. Helen Carey FMA, Canon Gary Byrne, Ryszard Kaniszewski, Richard Hansen, Eufemia Maria Gentile Mastroddi, William McDermott** and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Joseph Vincent Healey, Mgr. Canon Peter W. Lawler, Frs. William Connick, James McGloin, Charles Joseph O'Reilly, William Conefrey, Joseph McEvilly, Timothy Healy, Terence McDonnell and Francis Jordan, and also William Tobin, Henrique Mgungwe and Jim McNally. May they rest in peace.

Sister Helen's funeral will be at Our Lady's at 10.30 am on Thursday, 23rd February.

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.

Exciting News! We are planning to re-start a parish youth group next month. Forms are available for parents to complete, and young people will need to bring them on our first day which will be announced soon.

The counting rota: Sunday, 12th February: Kylla and Lilian. Sunday, 19th February: Chris and Edwin.

*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.

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 will be on Sunday, 26th February. Parents, if you haven't done so already, please register your children's names with me, with one of the application forms in the church porch.

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

I hope to do a sponsored walk around the boundary of the parish to raise money for the parish, but you could walk with me you to raise money for CAFOD. If we do it in easy stages (perhaps two miles each day) we could get round Sacred Heart parish and also Our Lady's parish by Easter.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 27th March. Led by Mgr. Daniel McHugh. £699.00 per person sharing (single suppl. £150.00). Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. For more information contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

Ashes for Ash Wednesday (22nd February). If you have palms from last Palm Sunday that we could use to make the ashes, please let me have them this week.

Lent 2023.

1. **My Day By Day and the Walk With Me Booklets** will be available.
2. **Stations of the Cross**, at 5.00 pm each Sunday.
3. **Parish Lent Day of Recollection**, Saturday, 11th March, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm at Our Lady's, Hollow Way. There will be a talk, the chance for Confession, and a time of prayer.
4. **Parish Penance Service.** On Thursday, 23rd March, before the evening Mass at 5.30 pm.

Saturday morning Mass and Confessions during Lent. I should like to try an experiment. Instead of Mass on Monday mornings we shall have Mass at 10.00 on **Saturday** mornings, followed by Exposition and Confessions (for those Saturdays when I can be here). Mass will continue on Thursday evenings at 7.00 pm.

Lent House Masses. If you would like/be willing to host Mass in your home during Lent, please let me know.

Congratulations! To Fr. David Hartley who will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on Tuesday. He invites us to join him at St. Joseph's, Thame, for a celebration Mass on Tuesday evening at 7.00 pm. *Ad Multos Annos!*

From the Society of The Work, Littlemore. "We are pleased to let you know that from Friday, 17th February until Sunday, 19th February there will be **40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration** in Newman's Chapel at Littlemore to pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Benedict XVI and of all Holy Souls."

CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal. CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. If you can help again, please make a donation to the second collection today or by visiting CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>

Friends of the Holy Land have organised a fundraising concert featuring the London Welsh Male Voice Choir supported by The Priests in a combined performance. On Thursday 16th February at Westminster Cathedral, starting at 7:30 pm. Tickets, starting at £20, are available now through Eventbrite at - <http://bit.ly/3i0ath2> or search *LWMCV Concert at Westminster Cathedral*.

Tailpiece. There is a story how, after a particularly convivial dinner, a certain politician crossed the floor and bowed low to a fellow diner, saying: 'Beautiful Lady in Red, will you please dance this waltz with me?' The reply came: 'I fear not, Sir, for three reasons. Firstly, I think you are too drunk to dance. Secondly, this is not a waltz, but someone's National Anthem. And thirdly, because I am not a Beautiful Lady in Red, but the Papal Nuncio!'

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