



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th July, 2023

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| Sunday, 16 th July <i>Fifteenth 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) 6.00 pm Mass | Jim Maguire (Anniversary) Deacon Ste (Ordination) The Cuddy Family |
| Monday, 17 th July <i>Op. Mem. of Bl. John Sugar & Robert Grissold, Martyrs or of St. Kenelm, Prince of Mercia</i> | (7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer | Josie Dekkers RIP |
| Tuesday, 18 th July | No Public Mass Today | Special Intention |
| Wednesday, 19 th July | No Public Mass Today | Private Intention |
| Thursday, 20 th July <i>Op. Mem. of St. Apollinaris, Martyr</i> | No Public Mass Today | Private Intention |
| Friday, 21 st July <i>Op. Mem. of St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Doctor of the Church</i> | (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's) | Dorothy Frances Pill |
| Saturday, 22 nd July <i>Feast of St. Mary Magdalene</i> | 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's) | Camilo and Maria Pereira Danny Lyons (Anniv.) |
| Sunday, 23 rd July <i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Europe World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly</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 | Horacio Lobato & Eugenia Boros Lobato The People of the Parish Special Intention |
| Confessions: Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am | | |

Welcome to Sacred Heart for Mass today.

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.*

Annual Retreat. I shall be on Retreat from Monday to Friday this week. I am sorry that this means there will be no Mass and Confessions here on Thursday evening and no streaming of Morning Prayer after Monday until Saturday. Please pray for me and I shall pray for you.

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 someone you know is sick and would like to be prayed for, please let me know.

Please pray for those who have died recently: Fr. Bernard Garratt, Angelique Moona, Olivia Ludbrook, Josie Dekkers, Thomas Ghee, Marion Nyambura, Isabel Da Costa Fereira and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgr. Peter Joseph Ryall, Canon Laurence Kelly, Frs. Geoffrey Wamsley, CO, Arthur Warburton, Philip Cleary, Liam Peter O'Connor, Thomas Rock and Albert Leo Kelly, and also William Craig, James McVeigh, Patrick Craig, and Bridget Cherry. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

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If you wish to watch the Mass at your home, go to
<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>

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.

Youth Bring 'n Share party. The Parish youth group will be having a Bring 'n Share party in the parish hall on Saturday, 29th July, 6.00-8.00 pm. All young people of the parish are welcome.

CAFOD. At the end of Mass today there will be a short talk about supporting small-scale farmers around the world. All we are asked to do is to sign a letter to the World Bank, asking them to protect the rights of small farmers to use and share their own seeds. Please sign the letter on the way out of Mass. Thank you.

Parish Finance Committee. The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be on Thursday, 3rd August in the parish hall at 7.30 pm.

Vacancy: Cleaner wanted for the church hall, the kitchen area and the parish office. We need someone who can

- Keep the kitchen spotless (including the oven, fridge and cupboards)
- Empty the bins
- Make sure the floor of the hall is swept and chairs and tables are clean and tidy
- Clean the windows and glass (inside)
- Clean toilets and restock when needed
- Clean the parish office.

£12 per hour. 3 hours/week. Flexible times. Apply to me, closing date: 30th July.

Parish Day-out to Bournemouth. On Tuesday, 25th July, leaving Sacred Heart at 9.00 am and leaving Bournemouth at 6.00 pm. Adults £20, children £10, with free travel for those who received First Holy Communion or were Confirmed this year. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please sign up at the back of church.

Next Sunday is the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly as this is the closest Sunday to the memorial of Jesus' grandparents, Ss Joachim and Ann (July 26th). It would be a good day to visit grandparents and older people who are alone. What wise words do you remember that your grandparents or elderly relations have passed onto you? I invite children, young adults, families to share these words of wisdom. Send them to me and I can put them together for everyone to appreciate.

School Holidays: As the schools close for the summer we wish children and staff an enjoyable and safe holiday.

University Students. If you are arriving in Oxford, either for a summer placement or in time to begin studies in the autumn, I should like to welcome you. It is important to feel at home, especially if you have come from abroad. Please come and introduce yourself to me, and I can tell you about the community at Our Lady's.

Accommodation Required. A man has phoned asking if I can help him to find a room or flat with a Catholic family. If you can help please come and speak to me.

Pro-Life Pilgrimage To Walsingham. Saturday 5th August is the annual pilgrimage of reparation and prayer for the Sanctity of Life. Walsingham is a powerful and peaceful place to pray for the end of the hurt and pain of abortion. It is a wonderful experience to go with others and make friends in the process. For more details and to book a place on the Oxford trip (£30 - sponsorship available), visit <https://tinyurl.com/oxpp2023>.

Tailpiece: "Mummy," said a child, after carefully examining the stained glass window in a church, "None of the angels has a beard. Don't any men go to heaven?" "Yes, dear," replied her mother, "Some men do go to heaven. But for most it's only by a very close shave."

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