



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th August, 2023

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Sunday, 13 th August <i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) (4.30 pm Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Michael Cullen (Birthday)</i> <i>Antonio Maria da Silva & Rosa C. Soriano</i> <i>Maria Elvira Goncalves (B'day)</i>
Monday, 14 th August <i>Mem. of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i>	No Public Mass Today	<i>Mr M. E. Connelly (JA)</i>
Tuesday, 15 th August <i>Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	No Public Mass Today	<i>Paul Watts (Anniversary)</i> <i>Michael Byrne</i>
Wednesday, 16 th August <i>Op. Mem. of St. Stephen of Hungary</i>	No Public Mass Today	<i>Fr. Paul Devaney (JA)</i>
Thursday, 17 th August	No Public Mass Today	<i>Fr. Anthony DeVere (JA)</i>
Friday, 18 th August <i>Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi</i>	No Public Mass Today	<i>Mr M. E. Connelly (JA)</i>
Saturday, 19 th August <i>Op. Memorial of St. John Eudes,</i> <i>Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> <i>(5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Mapeus Soares</i>
Sunday, 20 th August <i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi</i>	<i>7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) (3.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	<i>John Joe McGroarty</i> <i>Beatrice Upham (Birthday)</i> <i>Naetochukwu Amaraegbulem</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>

Welcome to Sacred Heart for Mass today, especially if you are visiting for the first time.

Welcome and thank you to Br. Martin Sanderson, who has kindly agreed to come to celebrate this weekend's Masses and Tuesday's Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This Tuesday (15th August) is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is a Holyday of Obligation. We shall have Mass here at Sacred Heart at 6.00 in the evening. All welcome. There will also be Mass at Our Lady's at 10.00 that morning.

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Thomas Gaughan, 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: Sheila Kelly, Harry Slamon, Bridie Jackson, Maureen McEneaney and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Canon Bernard Manion, Frs. Thomas Dennison, Michael McGrath, Kevin Keany, Terence Smith and Deacon Douglas Taylor, and also Seamus Whelan. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

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.*

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

This Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. At present, our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Margaret Lawes. She can be contacted at: sgsacredheart.oxford@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern. We are still asking for someone to volunteer to take Margaret's place. Please come and see me.

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.**

Holidays. I shall be on holiday until Friday 18th August, and the office will be closed during this time. I shall offer the weekday Mass for the intentions listed. If you need to speak to a priest, please contact Canon Mervyn at Corpus Christi, Telephone: 01865 762433; Email: corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk.

Homes For Ukraine. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) is working to coordinate a Homes for Ukraine programme. Can you help? Email: homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk Website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>

VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE. Now that the pandemic is not such an urgent matter we need to start rebuilding our parish. To do that we need more people to be involved in the day-to-day running. For a start, we need:

- 1. A Handyman.** Are you able and willing to do small(-ish) jobs around the church and hall? If so, please come and let me know.
- 2. People who could count the weekly collections.**

Thank you to everyone who already helps out, and it would be great to have a larger pool of helpers.

Harvington Pilgrimage 2023, Sunday, 3rd September. His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley, will be the principal celebrant of the Pilgrimage Mass. All are welcome. Mass: 3.00 pm, Confessions: 1.45 – 2.30 pm. FREE PARKING. Bring your own picnic, (teas and coffees available to purchase).

Garden work party, PLEASE. Saturday, 19th August, starting at 9.00 am and going on for as long as it takes. We need to tackle the corner of Sawpit Road and the border of the car park urgently.

Annual Novena of Prayer for the Cause of Blessed Dominic Barberi. The annual Novena of Prayer in the Archdiocese begins this week, on Friday, 18th August, and it goes on until the Feast of Blessed Dominic, 26th August. Please join the Archbishop and the family of the Diocese as we say the

Novena Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi

O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request. We pray that you will, in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church.

*Mary, Mother of Holy Hope, Pray for us.
St. John Henry Newman, Pray for us.
Blessed Dominic Barberi, Pray for us.*

“International Day”. We are planning to have a day when we celebrate the different nationalities and cultures in our parish family. It will be a joint celebration with Sacred Heart parish. There will be a planning meeting at Our Lady's on Saturday, 26th August, at 4.00 pm.

Tailpiece: Three boys were boasting about their fathers. The first boy said, “My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper; he calls it a poem, and they give him £50.00.” The second boy said, “That's nothing, My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper; he calls it a song, and they give him £100.00.” The third boy says, “I've got you both beat. My Dad's a Vicar; he scribbles a few words on a piece of paper; he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!”

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