



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd July, 2023

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Sunday, 23 rd July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time <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 & Eugenia Lobato The People of the Parish Special Intention
Monday, 24 th July <i>Optional Memorial of St. Sharbel Makhluף</i>	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Baby Antonio de Jesus Assis da Silva
Tuesday, 25 th July <i>Feast of St. James, Apostle</i>	8.00 am Mass	Fr. George Grynowski
Wednesday, 26 th July <i>Memorial of St. Joachim & St. Anne</i>	No Public Mass Today	Benefactors of the Johnson Association
Thursday, 27 th July <i>Op. Memorial of Blessed Robert Sutton</i>	11.30 am Requiem Mass 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Olivia Ludbrook The Doyle Family
Friday, 28 th July	(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Sr. Norma
Saturday, 29 th July <i>Memorial of Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Albert Philips Pedro Fernandez
Sunday, 30 th July Seventeenth 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	Antonio & Rosa Maria da Silva Lucy Lynch The People of the Parish
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm; Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am		

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

Today 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.

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, Olivia Ludbrook, Josie Dekkers, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frs. Anthony Owen, Euan Henderson, Joseph Tynan, Denis O'Shea, Basil Wrighton, Thomas Michael Duffy, and Deacons Ernie Titchmarsh and Frank Lockett, and also Richard Bolton, Jenny Doherty, Bernadette Nolan, and Bridget Cherry. 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>

The 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.

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



Wheat and dandel. One is life-giving, the other is poisonous. But which is which?

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

Vacancy: Cleaner wanted for the church hall, the kitchen area and the parish office.

- 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. Next 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.

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

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 Sacred Heart.

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:

- Q. Where was Solomon's temple located?
A. On the side of his head.
Q: Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?
A: Because Noah was standing on the deck.
Q. What did Adam say on 24th December?
A. It's Christmas, Eve!

(Sorry!)

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