



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th August, 2023

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Sunday, 27 th August Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) (2.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Cecilia Michael The People of the Parish Levi Alston Fraser Osvaldo Da Silva
Monday, 28 th August <i>Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Alan Pill (get well)
Tuesday, 29 th August <i>Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist, Martyr</i>	No Public Mass Today.	Mr M. E. Connelly (JA)
Wednesday, 30 th August <i>Op. Mem. of Ss. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, Martyrs</i>	(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	The People of the Parish
Thursday, 31 st August <i>Op. Memorial of St. Aidan, Bishop, & the Saints of Lindisfarne</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Harry Slamon (also remembering Felix Saulong)
Friday, 1 st September World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation First Friday	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	K. Mullagh's Intentions
Saturday, 2 nd September	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (12.00 noon Requiem Mass at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Dircia Da Consecacao Pedro The People of the Parish
Sunday, 3 rd September Twenty-second 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	Eileen McGroarty Antonio da Silva (B'day) Fernanda Amaral, Fernando, Luciano, Claudia
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

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

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

Please pray for those who have died recently: Bridie Jackson, Ursula Teresa Lillis, Augustine ("Tina") Cyprien, Henry Zieba (Fr Ziggy's father), Dircia Da Consecacao Pedro, Sheila Kelly, Harry Slamon, Maureen McEneaney, Lyn Madelin, Fr Keith Enston and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Canon Laurence Emery, Mgr. James Dunlop Crichton, Canons Laurence Hogarty and Joseph Nightingale, Frs. James Downey, Isaac William Savin, Francis Toole, Brendan O'Malley, Deacon David McCarroll, and also James Moore. 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.

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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.

Homes For Ukraine. 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.

“International Day”. We are planning to have a day when we celebrate the different nationalities and cultures in our parish family. Hopefully, it will start with Mass and afterwards there will be tables with national cuisine, national costumes, song (and perhaps even dance). It will be a joint celebration with Our Lady's parish. More details to follow.

The Season of Creation runs from 1st September (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4th October (the feast of St. Francis of Assisi). The theme this year is “Let Justice and Peace Flow”.

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).

Situation Vacant. We are looking to appoint a part-time parish secretary. There is a job description available at the back of church. Please ask me for more details or tell me if you are interested.

First Friday. This Friday is the first of the month and we shall say the Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart before Mass on Thursday evening.

Pope's Prayer Intention for September: For People living on the margins. We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

The 2023 March for Life in defence of the unborn will happen next Saturday, 2nd September, beginning with 10.30 am Mass at Westminster Cathedral; stalls, talks and activities at The Emmanuel Centre, SW1P 3DW; walking from 1.30 pm up to Parliament Square at 4.30 pm. For further information go to marchforlife.co.uk A group will catch the Oxford Tube at 8.30 am from Headington. You are welcome to join them. To make contact please go to <https://tinyurl.com/oxford-pro-life>

My Day By Day Booklets. The September edition of this booklet containing the Mass readings for the month is available at the back of church (price £1).

Maryvale Institute Courses. Maryvale Institute has announced the continuation of the Bachelor of Divinity (B.Div.) and Licence Programmes. To enquire, contact Dcn Harry Schnitker: researchcentre@maryvale.ac.uk.

Tailpiece: One Sunday a priest decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to a sermon about the evils of drink, tobacco and over-indulgence. First he put four worms into four separate jars. The first worm was put into a jar of alcohol; the second was put into a jar of cigarette smoke; the third was put into a jar of chocolate syrup; the fourth was put into a jar of good clean soil. At the end he reported the results: The first worm in alcohol - Dead. The second worm in cigarette smoke - Dead. The third worm in chocolate syrup - Dead. The fourth worm in good clean soil - Alive. Then he asked the congregation, “What can you learn from this?” A woman at the back quickly raised her hand and said, “As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms.”

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