



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

6th August, 2023

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Sunday, 6 th August <i>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord</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	Angel and Josefa Antonio Aileen Young Mick McCarthy
Monday, 7 th August <i>Optional Memorials of St. Sixtus II, Pope, & Companions, Martyrs, or of St. Cajetan, Priest</i>	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Mr. M. E. Connelly (JA)
Tuesday, 8 th August <i>Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest</i>	No Public Mass Today	Fr. Ian Ker (JA)
Wednesday, 9 th August <i>Feast of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Martyr, Patron of Europe</i>	No Public Mass Today	Cornelius Gunning (Anniv.)
Thursday, 10 th August <i>Feast of St. Lawrence, Martyr</i>	No Public Mass Today	Lidia Louders
Friday, 11 th August <i>Memorial of St. Clare, Virgin</i>	No Public Mass Today	The Moran Family (JA)
Saturday, 12 th August <i>Op. Mem. of St. Jane Frances de Chantal</i>	(5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Neil Murphy (1 st Anniversary)
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	Michael Cullen (Birthday) Antonio Maria da Silva & Rosa C. Soriano Maria Elvira Gonsalves (B'day)
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 we are celebrating the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.

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, Maureen Ann McEneaney, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Frs. James Gough, Francis Gwinnett, Basil Lynch, Michael Day and Denis Manion, and also Jimmy Doyle. 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.

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.

Marriage. Congratulations to Daiva and Gregorio Amaral who were married at Our Lady's yesterday. May God bless them in their life together.

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.

World Youth Day, Lisbon 2023. Although it is called a "Day" this adventure of a lifetime for some of the young people of our Diocese and young people from all around the world really lasts for several days. There have been many events going on but the main ones have been an opening Mass last Tuesday, celebrated by the Cardinal Patriarch of Lisbon. Last Thursday there was the welcoming ceremony, the first meeting of the young people with the Pope, and on Friday evening there was a celebration of Stations of the Cross. This weekend, on Saturday night there is a Vigil, starting at 8.45 pm, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayer. The climax of the week is the Missioning Mass at 9.00 on Sunday morning, celebrated by the Pope. You can follow the events on the Catholic channel Shalom World TV, the Media Partner for World Youth Day.

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>

"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 Our Lady's parish. There will be a planning meeting at Our Lady's on Saturday, 26th August, at 4.00 pm. Everyone is invited to take part.

Summer holidays. I shall be on holiday from Monday, 7th August until Friday, 18th August. The office will be closed during this time. I shall offer Mass for the intentions listed and I thank Br Martin Sanderson from Greyfriars, who has kindly agreed to come to celebrate next weekend's Masses here at Sacred Heart. If you need a priest during this time, please contact Canon Mervyn at Corpus Christi, Headington. Telephone: 01865 762433; Email: corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk.

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 pm–2.30 pm. FREE PARKING. Bring your own picnic, (teas and coffees available to purchase).

My Day By Day Book for August is now available at the back of church (price £1).

Pope's Prayer Intention for August: For World Youth Day in Lisbon. We pray that it may help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

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.

Tailpiece: One day at school a teacher was leading an English lesson. The topic was palindromes – words or sentences that are the same read forwards and backwards. She asked the children, "What was the first thing that Adam said to Eve?" She was hoping to get the answer "Madam, I'm Adam," but one student had a much better reply: "Wow."

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