



# Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

## *Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### *3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2023*

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Sunday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> September <b>Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>7.45 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>9.00 am Mass</b> (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	Eileen McGroarty Antonio da Silva (B'day) Fernanda Amaral, Fernando, Luciano, Claudia
Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September <i>Op. Mem. of St. Cuthbert, Bishop</i>	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	The People of the Parish
Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> September	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's, followed by Prayer and Praise)	Josie & Eddie Griffiths
Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>No Public Mass Today.</b>	Angelika
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> September	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	Thomas & Maryamma
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> September <i>Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Winnie Gildea
Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> September <i>Op. Mem. of St. Osburg, Abbess, or of St. Peter Claver, Priest.</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>10.00 am Mass</b> (3.00 pm Baptisms at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Harry Slamon Neil Murphy
Sunday, 10 <sup>th</sup> September <b>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Education Day</i>	<b>7.45 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>9.00 am Mass</b> (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) (4.30 pm Syro-Malabar Community Mass at Our Lady's) <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	Tony Donovan & Stacey Stretch Lucy Da Silva (Birthday)  Special Intention
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.**

**Prayers for the Sick.** Please pray for Iris O'Brien, Mary Doyle, 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: Ursula Teresa Lillis, Augustine ("Tina") Cyprien, Henryk Zieba (Fr Ziggy's father), Dircia Da Consecacao Pedro, Lyn Madelin, Fr Keith Enston** and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. James Dunlop Crichton, Mgr. Thomas (Tom) Fallon, Frs. Bernard Salt, Thomas O'Doherty, James J. Holland, Anthony (Tony) Taylor, Arthur McCrystal, and Deacon Francis Andrews, and also James Moore, John McCallum, James Ross and Hilda Ross. 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.**

**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.

**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"***

*On Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, we shall have something special, shared with Our Lady's Parish. Just for that day Mass will be at 10.00 am at Our Lady's Primary School (cancel 9.00 at Sacred Heart and 11.00 at Our Lady's), followed by events/shared food/games until about 2.00 pm. The object of the Day is to celebrate the many different cultures and traditions that are united within the two Catholic communities in Blackbird Leys and Cowley. Secondary objects would be to get to know one another and have some fun together. People are encouraged to wear national costume and to bring national dishes to share. Please sign the sheet at the back of the church if you can offer to bring and share some food.*

**The Season of Creation** runs to 4<sup>th</sup> October (the feast of St. Francis of Assisi). The theme this year is "Let Justice and Peace Flow".

**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.

**Foundation Governors.** St. John Fisher School is urgently seeking active Catholics who would be willing to serve as Foundation Governors. If you can help, please contact the school; tel. 01865 779676 or email: [office@stjohnfisher.co.uk](mailto:office@stjohnfisher.co.uk)

**Education Sunday.** We pray for our schools – children, staff, families – as the new school year begins this week. Next Sunday is Education Sunday when we are asked to pray for the work of Catholic education across the schools of the Archdiocese. There will be a second collection at Masses next weekend for the Catholic Education Service.

**Father Hudson's Care** would like to invite you to a face-to-face Welcoming Church event to be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Bristol Road, Birmingham, B5 7BE, at 10.00 am. The individual sessions will talk about how parishes can support older people, refugees, people with disabilities and those who are homeless, creating a plan to make real change. To learn more please call 01675 434000 or email [kevinhateley@fatherhudsons.org.uk](mailto:kevinhateley@fatherhudsons.org.uk)

**Would You Like To Become A Catholic?** If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, either by being baptised in the Catholic Church or by being received into the Catholic Church from another Christian community, please contact the parish office - (01865) 770910, [sacredheart.oxford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sacredheart.oxford@rcaob.org.uk) or contact Fr Harry directly at [fr.harry.curtis@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.harry.curtis@rcaob.org.uk), who will be delighted to hear from you.

**Day of Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Harvest.** On Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> September, we shall give thanks to God for the food we receive. If you have fruit and/or veg that we could put before the altar on that day as symbols of His blessings then please bring them along. After Mass you can either re-claim them or they can be passed on to the Foodbank.

**Tailpiece:** A guest at a crowded party one Saturday evening upset his glass of beer over the Parish Priest. The priest was worried because his only other suit was at the cleaners and it meant he would have to appear at Mass the next day smelling of beer. A helpful friend offered him some perfume. After a pause, the priest replied, "No, thanks. The beer I *am* allowed."

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