



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday, 24 th October Thirtieth Sunday of the Year <i>World Mission Sunday</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> 9.00 am Mass <i>3.00 pm Baptism</i> 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Bernadette Nolan</i> <i>Kiana Lawrence</i> <i>Familia Gomes, Familia Soares, Familia Oliveira - RIP</i>
Monday, 25 th October	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> 9.15 am Mass	<i>Gerard Doyle (Speedy recovery)</i>
Tuesday, 26 th October <i>Opt. Memorial of St. Cedd, Bishop</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> <i>(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Rhea D'Souza</i>
Wednesday, 27 th October	No Public Mass Today	<i>Virginia Phillips (Get well)</i>
Thursday, 28 th October <i>Feast of Ss. Simon & Jude, Apostles</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> <i>6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction</i> 7.00 pm Mass	<i>Marion McCarthy (KM)</i>
Friday, 29 th October	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> <i>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Barbara Rank</i>
Saturday, 30 th October	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> No Public Mass Today	
Sunday, 31 st October Solemnity of All Saints	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> 9.00 am Mass 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Francisco Gomes Ximenes</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass today.

If you are here with us for the first time today, welcome. If you are returning to Mass after a period of time away because of the pandemic, welcome back! It is lovely to see you again today.

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.

Mass at Home. We are no longer streaming the Sunday morning Mass from Sacred Heart on Zoom. Alternatively, you could watch the Mass on Saturday, 5.30 pm, and/or Sunday, 11.00 am from Our Lady's where we are now live and can be viewed at <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>.

Here is a prayer, **an Act of Spiritual Communion**, which you can say as you watch a Livestream Mass:

“My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.”

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Harrington, Sean Delaney, and all who have died recently or whose anniversaries occur around this time: Frs. Edward Burbage, Patrick Moore, John Francis McGovern, Bernard Kelly, John O'Dwyer and Patrick O'Sullivan, and also Noreen Mason, Valentine Mason and William Durkin. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

Please pray for Domenico Mirto, Betty Duff, Eileen McGarry, and Daniel Holdsworth and all those we know who are sick. If you are ill and you would like to ask for prayers on this newsletter, please let me know.

World Mission Sunday. Today the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your prayers and donations will support the work of missionaries as they share God's mercy and love.

Baptism. Today we welcome Kiana Lawrence into the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for her and her family.

Next Sunday we shall celebrate the **Solemnity of All Saints** (transferred from Monday, 1st November). **All Souls Day** will, of course, remain on Tuesday, 2nd November, when there will be Mass at 6.00 pm and we shall be joined by children from Our Lady's School. We shall pray for the souls in Purgatory, especially those who have no-one to pray for them.

Baptisms: Parents, if you have been delaying arranging your child's Baptism because of Covid you can now ask me and we can welcome your child properly into the family of the Church.

Weddings. The same can be said about the Sacrament of Matrimony. We can now make plans, so please come and have a chat with me.

The Catholic Universe Newspaper. The *Catholic Universe* newspaper is to return as a digital, website-based publication. See universecatholicweekly.co.uk The first digital edition is available free. A year's subscription direct to your computer, tablet or smart phone is £20.



Grand Christmas Draw. Yes, Christmas is coming!! Raffle Tickets are now available to buy or to take away to sell to raise money for the Parish. All tickets should be returned by 27th November and the DRAW will be made on SUNDAY, 12th DECEMBER. Each booklet costs £1 and has five tickets. If you can and would like to donate a prize for the raffle it will be gratefully received. Thank you.

November is approaching, and it is the month when we traditionally pray for those who have died:

- **November Prayers for the Dead.** There are memorial slips available to write the names of those for whom you wish to pray during November. Place

the slips in the basket in front of the altar and they will be remembered at Mass throughout the month.

- The Archbishop will be offering Mass in St Chad's Cathedral on Sunday, 7th November, at 11.30 am for those who have died during the pandemic and for all healthcare and frontline workers who have supported our local communities during the last eighteen months. We can join with his intention especially during our 9.00 am Mass that Sunday.

- **Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the North Oxford Deanery.** Every year the clergy of the Deanery celebrate Mass together for their deceased brothers. You are welcome to join us to pray for your priests. This year it will be on Tuesday, 9th November (details still to be decided).

- **Parish Memorial Mass for those in the parish who have died,** especially those whose funerals have been held here during the past year, on Saturday, 27th November, 11.00 am. If you would like anyone's name to be included please let me know (in writing). All are welcome.

- **Remembrance Sunday.** Sunday, 14th November. We shall have a short service after the 9.00 am Mass to lay a wreath at the foot of the cross and pray for those who have died in war and for peace.



Tailpiece:

There once was a pious young priest
Who lived almost wholly on yeast.
He said, "It is plain
We must all rise again.
And I want to get started at least."

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

P.S. British Summertime ends. The clocks change next Saturday night/Sunday morning. Don't forget to get your extra hour in bed.

