



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Solemnity of All Saints

31st October, 2021

Balfour Road, Blackbird Leys, Oxford, OX4 6BD

(01865) 776903 • sacredheart.oxford@rcaob.org.uk • www.sacredheartoxford.com

Parish Priest: Fr. Harry Curtis

(Also serving Our Lady Help of Christians, Cowley, 01865 770910)

Email: fr.harry.curtis@rcaob.org.uk

Sunday, 31 st October Solemnity of All Saints	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass 6.00 pm Mass	Francisco Gomes Ximenes The People of the Parish
Monday, 1 st November	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Mary Florence (Birthday)
Tuesday, 2 nd November <i>Commemoration of All Souls</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	R K Joshi RIP Deceased Parishioners
Wednesday, 3 rd November <i>Op. Mem. of St. Martin de Porres, or of St. Winifride</i>	No Public Mass Today	Katherine Pallaster
Thursday, 4 th November <i>Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo</i>	6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Deceased Members of the McGarry and McVeigh Families
Friday, 5 th November	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Bernadette Edwards (B'day)
Saturday, 6 th November	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer No Public Mass Today	
Sunday, 7 th November Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass (3.00 pm Blessing of Graves at Rose Hill) 6.00 pm Mass	Pedro Fernandes Goncalves and Margarida Turquel - RIP The People of the Parish
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.

Today is the Solemnity of All Saints (transferred from Monday, 1st November).

All Souls Day will be on Tuesday, 2nd November, when there will be Mass here at Sacred Heart at 6.00 pm. We shall pray for the souls in Purgatory, especially those who have no-one to pray for them. A Plenary Indulgence, applicable to the dead, can be gained by making a devout visit to a church during which an Our Father and Creed are recited.

First Friday. The Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart will be said during Exposition before Mass on Thursday this week.

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 Domenico Mirto, Mary Harrington, Sean Delaney, and all who have died recently or whose anniversaries occur around this time: Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville, Bishop John Barrett, Mgr. Bertram Gould, Canons Denis Toplass, Patrick Smith, Eugene O'Sullivan and John Redford, Frs. Henry Taylor, James Faulconer-Morgan, Louis Moore, James Curtin, Aengus Gabriel Donlon, James Francis Broomfield and John Brisland, and Deacon Paul Grosvenor, and also Kevin Hosey and Cora Proctor. 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.



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 next Sunday 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.
- Blessing of graves at Rose Hill Cemetery on Sunday, 7th November, 3.00 pm. We shall meet at the chapel at the Cemetery for a short service and then process between the graves praying the Rosary.
- **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.

Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus
The prayer for our path to the Synod 2021-2023

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

• **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 to pray for peace.

Pope's Prayer Intention for November: People who suffer from depression. We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them to life.

Beware of spam emails! Some of you may have received spam emails apparently from me or other priests. These emails often include 'parishpastor' and the name of a parish priest but they are not being sent from priests' email accounts. Please do not respond to them, just delete them. A genuine message should come from an email account that ends in @rcaob.org.uk If you are in doubt about an email please contact me and check.

Pope Francis and the Synodal Process: Birmingham Archdiocese Synod Events

What is it about? Everyone is invited to two evening meetings on Zoom. These information sessions are a great opportunity to take your first step on the Synod journey.

7.30 pm, Monday 8 Nov., with Fr Jan Nowotnik

7.30 pm, Monday 15 Nov., with Dr Mary McCaughey
To book a place, email synodalpathway@rcaob.org.uk

The Archdiocese of Birmingham is seeking to recruit inspectors of Catholic primary and secondary schools. They are particularly keen to hear from former school leaders who seek to remain connected with Catholic Education. Email b.mcardle@bdes.org.uk for details.

Tailpiece: A priest was showing a visitor around his church and he indicated a plaque on the wall. "Here are the names of our parishioners who died in the Services". Awed, the visitor gazed at them and then asked, "What have you done to improve things now?"

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