



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd October, 2022

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Sunday, 2 nd October Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	<i>(Saturday Vigil: 5.30 pm at Our Lady's) 7.45am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass</i>	<i>In Thanksgiving (Sacred Heart) Eileen McGroarty Mary Mist (Anniversary) Cecilia Michael</i>
Monday, 3 rd October <i>Mem. of St. Thomas Cantilupe</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass</i>	<i>Brian Spearpoint</i>
Tuesday, 4 th October <i>Mem. of St. Francis of Assisi</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Paul Watts</i>
Wednesday, 5 th October <i>Op. Mem. of St. Faustina Kowalska</i>	<i>No Public Mass Today</i>	<i>The People of the Parish</i>
Thursday, 6 th October <i>Op. Mem. of St. Bruno, Priest</i>	<i>6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass</i>	<i>Rolando Balbag</i>
Friday, 7 th October <i>Mem. of Our Lady of the Rosary CAFOD Harvest Fast Day</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Jim O'Brien and Elizabeth Woods</i>
Saturday, 8 th October	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 11.00 am Mass with the Anointing of the Sick (Evening Vigil: 5.30 pm at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Sick Parishioners Martinho Claudio da Salva Amarah</i>
Sunday, 9 th October Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Prisons Week</i>	<i>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) (3.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass</i>	<i>Angela Fryer & Family Anne-Marie Lyons (Anniversary) Valentina Partridge Meneses Molly Lidia Daniels Antonio Maria Da Silva</i>
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm</i>		

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass today.

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.*

October, the Month of the Rosary. If you are not familiar with praying the Rosary, or perhaps feel that you don't have time, I encourage you to try it this month. Perhaps start with just one decade (an Our Father, ten Hail Marys and a Glory Be) each day and increase as and when you can. It is a great prayer to say as a family.

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Barry Holland, Richard Hansen, Rosalind Ingrams, Betty Duff and Eileen McGarry and all those we know who are sick. If you or someone you know is sick and would like to be included on this newsletter, please let me know.

Please pray for the soul of Fr. Paul Devaney, Catherine Sheridan and the souls of all who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time: Canon Tony Piercy, Frs. John Nightingale, John Danaher, Percival Styche, John Bullen, Philip Casey and John Fitzpatrick, and also Nelly McLoughlin and John Doherty. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

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.

Pope's Prayer Intention for October: for a Church open to everyone. We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

A Parish Day Out to Douai Abbey, Tuesday 11th October. Leave Our Lady's at 10.00 am, returning around 7.30 pm. Cost: £15.00 (donation to the Abbey). We shall have Mass and join the Community for Midday Prayer. After lunch (please bring a packed lunch) we shall have a tour and talk. Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm and leave around 6.30 pm. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church. Could you please indicate on the sheet if you can offer a lift or need a lift. Thank you.

Anniversary List: If you would like a deceased family member or friend to be remembered in the bulletin during the week of the anniversary of their death please let me know in writing, or email their name and the date of their anniversary to: fr.harry.curtis@rcaob.org.uk.

Instructions in the Catholic Faith: If you would like to become a Catholic – maybe you have not been baptised, or baptised in another Denomination, or baptised but not received the Sacrament of Confirmation – please come and have a word with me or call me.

The Relics of St. Bernadette, will be in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Bicester, on the 9th and 10th October. To book your visit go to: <https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/#birmingham-diocese>.

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day - this Friday, 7th October – World Food Crisis. On Friday we are asked to give up some food and give the money that we save to help CAFOD in their work as millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. There will be a second collection at Masses next weekend for the money you have saved on Friday.

Christmas Bazaar: on Saturday, 26th November. If you feel you could help in any way please let me know.

Newman Night Walk from Oxford to Littlemore, (commemorating the arrival of Bl. Dominic Barberi and the anniversary of St. John Henry Newman's Reception into the Catholic Church), will take place on Saturday 8th October. It starts at 7pm with prayers at the Oratory, Oxford, followed by a Candlelit Procession from 7 Courtland Road to Bl. Dominic Barberi Church in Littlemore; 9.30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Bl. Dominic Barberi Church, led by the Right Reverend Robert Byrne, Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle; 10.00 pm Benediction and Procession to the College Library and Chapel. Light refreshments available.

Mass Intentions. The diary for 2023 has now arrived, so if you wish to book a Mass for next year this is the opportunity.

A Day for Parish Readers. Saturday, 19th November, 10.00-4.00 in Our Lady's church and the Don Bosco Centre. If you are a reader or would like to be one please make sure this date is in your diary.

Mass for the Sick here at Sacred Heart, next Saturday 8th October. There will be a special Mass, with the Anointing of the Sick, at 11.00 am. Please pass this on to anyone who is poorly, and if you can help them to get to the church for the Mass please do so.

Mini Craft Fair in the Mornese Centre at Elmthorpe Convent on Saturday 15th October, 2.00-4.00 pm. The gates will open at 2.00 pm. All are welcome, but there is no parking at the convent. You are welcome to park at Our Lady's church. All proceeds will go to support Emmaus fighting homelessness around Cowley.

My Day By Day Booklets. The October edition of these booklets, which give the daily Mass readings, are available at the back of church (£1).

Remember: refreshments are available in the hall after the 9.00 am Mass on Sundays.

Tailpiece: While trying to sign the register at a wedding, the Best Man was having difficulty making his pen work. "Put your weight on it," the priest whispered. He duly signed, "John Smith (twelve stone, three pounds)".

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

Mass at Home. If you are not able to come to Mass you could watch it on Saturday, 5.30 pm, and/or Sunday, 11.00 am from Our Lady's where it is livestreamed at <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>. Here is a prayer that you can say when you watch the 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."