



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th October, 2022

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Sunday, 30 th October Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Florbelo I.M. Acacio, Anglo dos Santos Katherine Raj (Anniversary) Cosme Ximenes, Adelina Fatima Lemos
Monday, 31 st October	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Luis Maria da Silva
Tuesday, 1 st November Solemnity of All Saints Holy Day of Obligation	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's) 7.00 pm Mass	Kathleen Mullagh (Birthday) The People of the Parish
Wednesday, 2 nd November Commemoration of All Souls	9.15 am Mass (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	John Flanagan Bernadette Edwards (Birthday)
Thursday, 3 rd November Op. Mem. of St. Martin de Porres, or of St. Winifride	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Rolly Esteban (Thanksgiving)
Friday, 4 th November Mem. of St. Charles Borromeo First Friday	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Thomas Gaughan (get well)
Saturday, 5 th November	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (11.00 am Memorial Mass at Our Lady's) (Evening Vigil Mass: 5.30 pm at Our Lady's)	Deceased Parishioners and Friends Josie and Eddie Griffiths (get well)
Sunday, 6 th November Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) (3.00 pm Blessing of Graves at Rose Hill) 6.00 pm Mass	Rita Da Costa, Gabriela Monteiro Ryan Davies Philomena Little
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

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.

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

Please pray for the soul of Br. Stephen Innes OFM Cap, Paula Wensley, Denis Allen and the souls of all who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time: Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville, Bishop John Barrett, Mgr. Bertram Gould, Canons Denis Toplass and Patrick Smith, Frs. John O'Dwyer, Patrick O'Sullivan, James Faulconer-Morgan, Henry Taylor, Louis Moore, James Curtin, Aengus Gabriel Donlon, James Francis Broomfield and John Brisland, and Deacon Paul Grosvenor and also the Mason Family and Kevin Hosey. May they rest in peace.

Funeral details for Br. Stephen are: Reception of the body on Tuesday, 1st November at 4.00 pm at St. Edmund's Church, followed by Requiem Mass on Wednesday, 2nd November at 11.00 am.

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 you or someone you know is sick and would like to be included on this newsletter, please let me know.

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."

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.

Christmas Bazaar: please make sure this is in your diary: in the hall on Saturday, 26th November. A message from the organisers: "This year we shall be back to normal with our Christmas fund raising. We are hoping that everyone will be supportive in making the event successful. To do this we need help to set up for the event and donations of item for the various stalls, namely: bottles, groceries, bric-a-brac, tombola prizes, nearly new items. PLEASE, NO JUMBLE. The hall also needs to be cleared after the event, so all offers of help would be appreciated. Thank you." **Raffle tickets are on sale after Mass.** If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle, please give it to Sally McVeigh. Thank you.

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

The St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) Society would like to start a conference in our parish. Thank you to everyone who expressed an interest. There will be a meeting after the 9.00 am Mass on Sunday 6th November when Rebecca Bristow will give a talk about the SVP and starting the conference.

The Johnson Fund. The Fund exists for the support of the Secular Clergy of our Archdiocese who, on account of age, infirmity or sickness, need financial help. There will be a 2nd collection next weekend to support the fund.

Pope's Prayer Intention for November: For children who suffer. We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

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

All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

Tuesday, 1st November, is the Solemnity of All Saints which is a Holyday of Obligation. That means we should all do our best to attend Mass. There will be Mass at Our Lady's at 9.15 am which will be attended by Our Lady's School, and here at Sacred Heart at 7.00 pm. All Souls Day will be on Wednesday, 2nd November. It is not a Holyday of Obligation, but many people like to go to Mass to pray for their deceased family and friends. There will be Mass here at Sacred Heart at 9.15 am and at Our Lady's at 7.00 pm.

November is the month when we traditionally pray for those who have died.

- **November Dead List Envelopes** are available in the basket in front of the altar. You can fill in the list and leave it in the black box that is also in front of the altar. They will be remembered in prayer throughout the month of November.
- **Blessing of graves at Rose Hill Cemetery on Sunday, 6th 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.
- Canon Mervyn will have a service to bless the graves at **Headington Cemetery** on **Saturday, 12th November, 11.30 am**.
- **Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the North Oxford Deanery**, Tuesday, 15th November, 12.00 noon, at Corpus Christi, Headington. Every year the clergy of the Deanery celebrate Mass for their deceased brothers. All welcome.
- **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, 5th November, 11.00 am. If you would like anyone's name to be included, please let me know. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Don Bosco Centre.
- **Remembrance Sunday.** Sunday, 13th November. We shall have a short service after the 11.00 am Mass to lay a wreath and pray for those who have died in war and for peace.



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 (or would like to be) a reader please try to come. Light refreshments will be provided; please bring your own lunch.

Young Adult Group for 18-35's at Holy Rood Church on Abingdon Road, Monday, 7th November, 7.30 pm, with Fr Kelvin, OCD, talking on prayer in the letters of St. Paul. It will begin with a talk followed by a discussion and ending with prayer by 9.00 pm. For further information contact Kate on 07933 765367.

Tailpiece: A child's letter to God: *Dear God, Thank you for the baby brother. But what I prayed for was a puppy.*

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