



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Solemnity of Christ the King

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Sunday, 20 th November Solemnity of Christ the King National Youth Sunday	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) (3.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Brendan McNally Ellen Gaughan (Birthday) Richard Proca Marie Rooney (Get Well)
Monday, 21 st November <i>Memorial of the Presentation of Our Lady</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Michael Cullen
Tuesday, 22 nd November <i>Memorial of St. Cecilia, Martyr</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Claudio da Silva Amaral and Andreas Soares
Wednesday, 23 rd November <i>Op. Mem. of St. Clement I, or St. Columban</i>	No Public Mass Today	John Edward Pill
Thursday, 24 th November <i>Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, Martyrs</i>	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Deonpeter (Thanksgiving)
Friday, 25 th November <i>Op. Mem. of St. Catherine of Alexandria</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	The People of the Parish
Saturday, 26 th November	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (2.30 pm Mass at Our Lady's) (Evening Vigil Mass: 5.30 pm at Our Lady's)	Francisca Guterres Josephine McMahon (Anniv.)
Sunday, 27 th November First Sunday of Advent	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) 6.00 pm Mass	Edward and Mary Murphy Helen Towey (Birthday) Yara Matthews Filomeno Martins
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. Amen.



Solemnity of Christ the King. Today is the last Sunday of the Church's year and it brings to a climax the whole of the message of our salvation in Jesus by acknowledging Him as our Lord and King in every aspect of our life. It is especially a Day of Prayer for Young People. At the 9.00 am Mass today we welcome Maria Bracken from the Kenelm Youth Trust – the Youth service in the Diocese – and there will be a second collection for the Catholic Youth Services.

Congratulations to Dierdre Wallace who received the Sacrament of Confirmation here last Thursday evening.

Please pray for the soul of Fr. Ian Ker and the souls of all who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time: Archbishop John McIntyre, Canons Philip Coyne and Maurice Woulfe, Frs. Francis Lockett, David Higham, Gerry Jackson Michael Connolly and Deacon Pat Linthwaite, and Josephine McMahon, Brendan McNally, Michael Cullen, Simeon Onyeahilan and Mary Murphy. May they rest in peace.

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.

Sacred Heart Christmas Bazaar, in the parish hall NEXT Saturday, 26th November, 2.00-4.00 pm

Please support YOUR parish fundraising and help by donating things we need. PLEASE RETURN ANY RAFFLE TICKET COUNTERFOILS WITH THE MONEY TODAY. ALSO RETURN ANY UNSOLD TICKETS BEFORE THE BAZAAR – WE CAN SELL THEM ON THE DAY.

The bottle stall needs 140 prizes, the prizes are bottles of spirits, bottles of wine (red and white), bottles/cans of beer and lager and soft drinks.

The Grocery tombola needs at least 130 prizes, please give packets and tins of food (all in date, please)

We need good quality items and unwanted gifts for the tombola and nearly-new stall (no electrical items, please).

If you can lend a hand, we need help to bring in the stands from the garage after Mass today, please. There are about a dozen wooden stands.

The hall will be open next Friday evening, from 6.00 pm until about 9.00pm for any late donations and to set up the stalls. We need help to take all the chairs into the church on Friday evening and back into the hall after the bazaar, about 5.00 pm. Any cakes for the cake stall to be brought in on Friday night or on Saturday morning. Donations for the bottle and grocery tombola to be in by next Friday. Any other donations to be left in the chapel near the confessional beforehand or on the day.

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

The Advent Walk With Me booklet is now available for £1 (or whatever you can afford), with daily and Sunday reflections. There are also copies of the **Advent Day by Day booklets** (also £1) which have the Mass readings for each day of Advent.

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Felix Saulong, Jr., Jean Carpenter, Brenda O'Meara, Claudino Serra Vaz, Bridie Barry, Pat Mazonowicz, David, Thomas Gaughan, Ella Dawson and all those we know who are sick.

Homes for Ukraine Matching Service. Caritas Social Action Network have launched a service to bring together Ukrainian people displaced by the war with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. Please visit <https://sjoq-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

Next Sunday we enter into **Advent** and the Church's new year. The Sunday Mass Lectionary Cycle will be Year A, and the Weekday Cycle will be Year 1.

Diocesan Directories. Do you want to know where any priest of the Diocese is now? Or perhaps you need to know where to find a Catholic Church in Wolverhampton (or anywhere else in the Birmingham Diocese). If so, you want a Diocesan Directory. The new directories have just arrived and are available from the piety stall. (Spiral bound: £4.50, plain bound: £3.50).

Young Adult Group for 18-35's at Holy Rood Church on Abingdon Road, Monday, 21st November, 7.30 pm, with Fr Alex, OCD. He will be talking on 1 Timothy 4:18-16 - Values for Godly living (Part 1). It will end with prayer by 9.00 pm. Contact Kate on 07933 765367 if you have any questions. All are welcome.

Social Outreach. Veronica has sent a great message: "How about opening our Hall one morning a week and providing a welcome and friendship and tea and cakes to whoever would like to drop in? The old? The lonely? Longlands residents? Asylum seekers? Refugees?"

I am very happy to organise this if 3 or 4 other people would form a team with me. If you are interested, contact me please. Veronica Robbins 07796916786. Veronica70@live.co.uk"

Job Vacancy. The Archdiocese is seeking a visionary Director of Education Services to serve its 237 schools. Catholic Education is vital to the Archdiocese, which has placed young people and families at the heart of its vision.

The schools will play a significant role in building even closer relationships and co-responsibility between parish, school and home.

Applications end Monday 28 November. Visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs to find out more.

Tailpiece: Dearly wishing for a child, a couple asked their priest to pray for them. "I'm going on sabbatical to Rome," he replied. "I'll light a candle in St. Peter's for you." When the priest returned two years later, he found the wife tending two sets of twins. Delighted, the priest asked where her husband was. "He's gone to Rome," came the harried reply, "to blow out that candle."

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