



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

First Sunday of Advent

27th November, 2022

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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
Monday, 28 th November	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Antero Amaral & Maria Menezes
Tuesday, 29 th November	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	John Pill (Get Well)
Wednesday, 30 th November <i>Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle</i>	No Public Mass Today	Clare Curtis & the People of the Parish
Thursday, 1 st December <i>Feast of St. Edmund Campion</i>	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Thomas Duff
Friday, 2 nd December <i>First Friday</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Luis de Jesus Lemos
Saturday, 3 rd December <i>Mem. of St. Francis Xavier, Priest Migrants' Day</i>	6.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (Evening Vigil Mass: 5.30 pm at Our Lady's)	Fernando Neves Liu & Luzia Pereira Lobato
Sunday, 4 th December Second Sunday of Advent	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	John Cullen Sabina Hennigan Martinah Madeira

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.

Advent. Today we enter the Church's new year.

The Sunday Mass Lectionary Cycle is Year A, and the Weekday Cycle is Year 1.

Cycle of Prayer. During the Seasons of Advent and Christmas we are asked to pray for the following intentions: Openness to the Word of God; Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.

First Friday. This Friday is the First of the month and we shall pray the Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart before Mass on Thursday evening.

Please pray for the soul of Fr. Ian Ker, Antonio Gomes Goncalves Figueira, and the souls of all who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time: Archbishop Joseph Masterson, Archbishop Edward Ilsley, Canon Augustine Emery, Frs. Edward Neary, Joseph du Moulin Browne CO, Reginald Anwyl, Norman Millard and Peter John Rogers, and also Josephine McMahon, Clare Curtis, Genista Purcell, John McWilliams and Kathleen Duffy. May they rest in peace.

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.

Collections for 19th/20th November: £313.80; **Gift Aid:** £121.50. **Catholic Youth Services:** £108.62. Thank you.

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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.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who put so much hard work and time into our Bazaar yesterday, and thank you to everyone who came along to support it.

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.

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.

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).

First Holy Communion Lessons. Parents, if your children are aged 8 or over and you wish them to receive their First Holy Communion next June, please register them with me, using the form at the back of the church.

Young Adult Group for 18-35's at Holy Rood Church on Abingdon Road, Monday, 5th December, 7.30 pm, with Fr Alex, OCD. He will be talking on 1 Timothy 4:18-16 - Values for Godly living (Part 2). It will end with prayer at 9.00 pm. For further information contact Kate on 07933 765367. All are welcome.

Pope's Prayer Intention for December: For volunteer not-for-profit organisations. We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development may find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

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 on Monday, 28th November. Visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs to find out more.

Christmas Music.

- On Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th December, there will be a Crib Service at 4.00 pm, followed by the first Mass of Christmas at 4.30 pm.
- At 11.30 pm there will be Carols and Readings, followed by the Christmas Midnight Mass.
- On Christmas Day there will be Mass at 9.00 am.

For all of these we need singers and musicians. Please have a think which services you will be attending and if you could help with the music.

Advent Penance Service. To help us prepare for Christmas there will be a short penance service before the evening Mass at 5.30 pm on Thursday evening, 15th December, followed by the opportunity for Confessions. All welcome.



Tailpiece: Modern life, huh? As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked, "And what would you like for Christmas?" The child stared at him open-mouthed and horrified, then gasped: "Didn't you get my E-mail?"

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