



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th November, 2023

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This Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. At present, our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Margaret Lawes. She can be contacted at: sgsacredheart.oxford@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern. We are still asking for someone to volunteer to take Margaret's place.

Please come and see me.

Sunday, 19 th November Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>World Day of the Poor</i>	(5.30 pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady's) 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) (1.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Mary Clarke Patrick McGroarty Anita de Fatima Cruz Clarke Antony Cooney
Monday, 20 th November	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Fr. Michael Power SDB
Tuesday, 21 st November <i>Memorial of the Presentation of Our Lady</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass, with the Rosary, at Our Lady's)	Jeronimo Ribeiro Babo Martins, Ivan dos Santo Guterres Andrade & Carlos M E Guterres Andrade
Wednesday, 22 nd November <i>Mem. of St. Cecilia, Martyr</i>	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish
Thursday, 23 rd November <i>Op. Mem. of St. Clement I, or of St. Columban, Abbot</i>	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Michael Cullen (Anniversary)
Friday, 24 th November <i>Mem. of St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, Martyrs</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	John Edward Pill (57 th Anniversary)
Saturday, 25 th November <i>Op. Mem. of St. Catherine of Alexandria</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass (5.30 pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady's)	Anna Merlino (Intentions) Mabel Golkowski & Family
Sunday, 26 th November Solemnity of Christ the King <i>National Youth Sunday</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Edward & Mary Murphy Tony Kavanagh (Anniversary) The People of the Parish
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm; Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am. (Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm at Our Lady's)		

Welcome to Sacred Heart for Mass today, especially if you are visiting for the first time.

Welcome especially to Carlton Rose to Sacred Heart today. Carlton is from Witney, and he is preparing to become a Permanent Deacon. He has very kindly agreed to come here today to tell us what that means.

Solemnity of Christ the King. Next Sunday is the last of the year and it is a Day of Prayer for Young People. There will be a second collection for the Catholic Youth Services.

If you are unable to come to church and wish to watch the Mass at your home, go to

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>

*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.*

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Iris O'Brien, Mary Doyle, Thomas Gaughan, Barry Holland, Rosalind Ingrams, Betty Duff, Inna, Beatrice Upham and Eileen McGarry and all those we know who are sick. If someone is sick and would like to be prayed for, please let me know.

Please pray for Noreen Duffy and Jean Claude Rubati who died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Archbishop John McIntyre, Canon Philip Coyne, Frs. Gerry Jackson, David Higham, Michael Connolly, Deacon Pat Linthwaite, Srs. Margaret Renshaw, Kathleen Jones and Mary Cairns FMA, and also Brendan McNally, Michael Cullen and Simeon Onyiahilan. 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.

**Remember: refreshments are available in the hall
after the 9.00 am Mass on Sundays.
Come and have a chat with friends.**

Bingo Night, Wednesday, 22nd November, at Headington Conservative Club, Windmill Rd, Headington OX3 7BZ. Proceeds in aid of the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship, Oxford-Lourdes Pilgrimage. Doors open 7.00 pm.

Christmas Bazaar.

OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

THIS YEAR WILL BE NEXT

SATURDAY, 25th NOVEMBER,

2.00 - 4.00 pm.

*Raffle tickets for the bazaar are
available after Mass. There is a chart for
donations for the raffle in the porch.
Please do support our parish by selling
the tickets and/or offering prizes.
Thank you.*

Would you like to become a Catholic? If you are interested in becoming a Catholic – either by being baptised in the Catholic Church or by being received into the Catholic Church from another Christian community, please speak to me after Mass or contact me at 01865 770 910, or fr.harry.curtis@rcaob.org.uk

First Holy Communion Lessons. Parents, if your children are aged 8 or over and you wish them to receive their First Holy Communion next May, please register them with me, using the form in the church porch. Lessons will begin in January.

Homes for Ukraine Matching Service. If you have room in your home and your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then please visit <https://sjoq-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

November Prayers for the Dead. If you wish, there is still time to write the names of those for whom you wish to pray and place the slips in the basket in front of the altar. They will be remembered at each Mass.

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal. Message from CAFOD: "Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been helping those most in need." There will be a second collection at Masses this weekend for this Appeal.

The Advent Walk With Me booklet is now available on your benches, with daily reflections. Free, or if you wish to make a donation, thank you. *Walk With Me* can be a wonderful resource to give to relatives, friends and work colleagues who are interested in discovering the true meaning of Christmas. There are also copies of the **Advent Day by Day booklets** (£1) which have the readings used at Mass for each day of Advent.

Oxford Pro-Life Rosary Witness: On Saturday 2nd December all pro-lifers are invited to recite the Rosary for the end of abortion and in defence of life. There will be a meeting outside the Clarendon building at 48 Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3AZ at 12.00 noon. Now more than ever Catholics must stand up in defence of life for all the innocent unborn. Please join in taking up the powerful Rosary in this mission of witnessing to the Gospel of life and for the conversion of hearts and minds. For more info contact Honor Roberts at honorroberts@hotmail.com

Tailpiece: One Sunday a priest preached about the wonders of God's creation, how there is a prayer in every garden and a sermon in every blade of grass. The next morning he was in his garden cutting his lawn when a parishioner called to him, "That's right, Father. Keep them short!"

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