



# Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024

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Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> September <b>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Day of Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Harvest</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's) <b>9.00 am Mass</b> (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	Private Intention Stacy Stretch The People of the Parish Alarico Do Rego
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> September <i>Memorial of St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</i>	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Maria and Lidia
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> September <i>Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	John Pill
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>No Public Mass Today</b>	Dermot & Josephine McMahon
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> September <i>Op. Mem. of Ss. Cosmas &amp; Damian, Martyrs</i>	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	Nora Allen (Intentions) John & James McVeigh
Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> September <i>Mem. of St. Vincent de Paul</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Nick Reigner
Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> September <i>Op. Mem. of St. Wencelaus, or Ss. Lawrence Ruiz &amp; Companions, Martyrs</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>10.00 am Mass</b>  (12.00 noon Mass at Our Lady's) (2.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Filomena de Jesus Goncalves & Lurdes Goncalves Jorge Garcia Valente Felipe Diaz Mabel (Intentions)
Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> September <b>Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's) <b>9.00 am Mass</b> (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) (2.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	Private Intention Rolando Balbag Josie & Eddie Griffiths Alfie Philip Roy Willars The People of the Parish
<p>Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm.; Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am. (Confessions at Our Lady's: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm)</p>		

Welcome to Sacred Heart today, especially if you are new to our parish.

Today is a Day of Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Harvest. We give thanks to God for all His love and kindness to us, especially today for the food we receive.

*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.*

**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.

**Prayers for the Sick.** Please pray for Claudio Serra Vaz, Keith Dolton, Thomas Gaughan, Barry Holland, Rosalind Ingrams, Betty Duff, Inna, Beatrice Upham, Eileen McGarry, Miguel Esteban, Mely Balbag, Keelin Trahearn, Cheryl Jones, Josie Griffiths, Mary Cross, Mary Heap, Nuala McNally, Billy Gardner and all those we know who are sick.

**Please pray for Rose Thomas, John Kenny and Eric Williams** who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgrs. Michael McTernan and Henry Farrelly, Canons Albert JJ Adams and Peter Reilly, Frs. Bernard McAllister, Peter Lloyd, John Bale, Gordon Banks and Paul Orchard, Deacon Michael McCormack and also Robert Ghartey, James McVeigh and Rebecca Clarke. May they rest in peace.

	Counting rota	Readers' Rota (9.00 Mass)	Eucharistic Ministers' Rota		Flowers rota
This week	Sally and Phil	Dom & V. Robbins	Pat McGroarty	Lilian Tatenda Mwawa	Jocelyn
Next Week					

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

**This is the “Season of Creation” (1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October). The Archbishop has sent this message: “Hope and Act with Creation is the theme for this year, and I hope you’ll be able to pray that we and others will value all that we have in creation as a way of praising God and also caring for those who are most in need.”**

You can find the full celebration guide as well as other prayers and resources on the Diocesan website [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/listing/category/season-of-creation#SOCResources](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/listing/category/season-of-creation#SOCResources)

**A new Lectionary with a different translation of the Bible readings will come into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent, 1<sup>st</sup> December.**

**The Parish Christmas bazaar** (yes, I know. Sorry!) will be on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**At Masses this weekend, there will be a second collection for Father Hudson’s Caritas.** Fr. Hudson’s mission is to provide Catholic Social Care in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, reaching out to support vulnerable people in need. Please give generously to support those with nowhere else to turn.

**Pilgrim Cross Autumn Walk, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 12.30-4.45 pm.** All are warmly invited to join the Oxford Pilgrim Cross group for their all-age Autumn Gathering - a 7K circular walk around Port Meadow, Oxford. To join on 12<sup>th</sup> October, simply drop an email to ([studentcross.oxfordleg@gmail.com](mailto:studentcross.oxfordleg@gmail.com)) and turn up on the day at Walton Well Car Park, Oxford, 12.30 pm with a packed lunch and suitable footwear! Pilgrim Cross is a national group who run an annual Easter walking pilgrimage from different parts of the country to the village of Walsingham in Norfolk - with one group setting off from Oxford. To find out more please email or click on this [link](http://bit.ly/OxLeg25) ([bit.ly/OxLeg25](http://bit.ly/OxLeg25)).

**Would you like to become a Catholic?** You are welcome. Sometimes people come to Mass with their family or friends for a long time and never quite pluck up the courage to ask if they could be baptised or received into the Church. If you would like to know more, please come and see me and I hope we can arrange a series of meetings, starting in a few weeks.

**Year of Prayer.** The next in our Deanery programme of talks for the Year of Prayer will be given by Fr. Damien Howard SJ next Tuesday evening (24<sup>th</sup> September) at Corpus Christi, Headington at 7.00pm. He can give us some guidance to Jesuit methods of praying. It will be livestreamed from the CC Parish website link. This is our penultimate Deanery talk for the Year of Prayer (the final one will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, to be given by Fr. Joseph Evans).

**Parish Finance Committee.** The next meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will be next Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, at 4.00 pm in the hall.

**CAFOD’s Family Fast Day appeal – Harvest (Friday 4 October).** CAFOD is our Caritas agency for overseas development and reaches out to those living in poverty and affected by wars and injustice globally. To carry on doing our vital and transformative work, we need your continued support. Please give using the envelopes provided or give online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope)

**Tailpiece:** A priest was visiting an elderly parishioner and he noticed a large bowl of peanuts on the coffee table. As he had missed his lunch he asked, “Do you mind if I have some?” “No, not at all!” replied his hostess. Later, as the priest stood up to leave, he realised that he had eaten most of the bowl. “I’m terribly sorry”, he said. “I only meant to have a few”. “Oh, that’s all right,” the woman said. “Ever since I lost my teeth all I can do is suck the chocolate off them.”

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