



# Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

## *Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### *6<sup>th</sup> October, 2024*

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Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Twenty-seventh 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 Cecilia Michael Ninette & Juvenal Patrick Nshanaje Isabella Ribeiro The People of the Parish
Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> October Mem. of Our Lady of the Rosary	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (1.30 pm Mass at St John Fisher School)	Maria De Souza & Rhea De Souza  In Thanksgiving
Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> October	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Special Intention
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> October Feast of St. John Henry Newman	<b>No Public Mass Today</b>	Fr. Francis (60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> October Op. Mem. of St. Paulinus of York, or of Ss Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs, or of St John Leonardi, Priest	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	Joy Vargese, Elizabeth
Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> October Op. Mem. of Bl. William Howard, Martyr or of St. John XXIII, Pope	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Anne-Marie Lyons (Anniversary)
Saturday, 12 <sup>th</sup> October Optional Memorial of St. Wilfrid, Bishop	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>10.00 am Mass</b> (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Sally McNally Fidelma Martin (Get Well)
Sunday, 13 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Twenty-eighth 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) <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	Private Intention Tusing Tchong Vila Nova John White The People of the Parish
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm.; Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am. (Confessions at Our Lady's: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm)		

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

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.** Last Friday we were asked to give up some food and give the money that we saved to help the work of CAFOD. Please put any donations into the second collection today. If you can Gift Aid your donation that would help CAFOD even more at no extra cost to you. There are envelopes at the back of the church. Thank you.

*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 Claudino 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, Nuala McNally, Billy Gardner and all those we know who are sick.

**Please pray for Mary (Maureen) Heap, Frieda Sawitzki, Rose Thomas** who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Cyril L. Fay, Frs. Philip Casey, John Fitzpatrick, Thomas Power and Terence Whatmore, Deacon Patrick Selwood, and also Noleen Bernadette (Bernie) Keenan, Mary Catherine Murphy, Giuseppe Bonassisa, Catherine Doherty. May they rest in peace.

	Counting rota	Readers' Rota (9.00 Mass)	Eucharistic Ministers' Rota	Flowers rota
This week	Rachel & Phil	K. Abrigo & J. Esteban		Claire & Family
Next Week	Chris & Edwin	V. Robbins & D. Silva		Priya & Family

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

**Centenary Celebration Mass.** The Salesian Sisters arrived 100 years ago in Cowley, Oxford. There will be a Mass of "Thanksgiving" for their Centenary, on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, at 12.00 o'clock at Our Lady's Church, Hollow Way, to which you are all invited. The Archbishop will be the main celebrant and there will be a host of priests to celebrate with him and the Sisters.

**Newman Night Walk**, on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October, from Oxford to Littlemore, commemorating the arrival of Bl. Dominic Barberi at Littlemore and the anniversary of St. John Henry Newman's Reception into the Catholic Church. It starts at 7.15pm at the Oratory, with a Candle Light Procession from 7 Courtland Road to Bl. Dominic Barberi Church; 9:00 pm: Benediction and then Procession to the College Library and Chapel. Light refreshments afterwards. Parking available behind Bl. Dominic Barberi's for those who prefer not to walk.

**Would you like to become a Catholic?** You are welcome. If you would like to know more, please come and have a chat with me.

**On Prisoners' Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024** we shall observe the National Day of Prayer, action, and generosity for those in prison, their loved ones, and those who work with them. Across England and Wales, parishes are invited to join in praying for those who have taken the wrong path and ended up in prison.

**Prayers for Peace.** Pope Francis has asked that Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary and also the anniversary of the attacks by Hamas in Northern Israel, should be a day of fasting and prayer for peace in the world. In addition, the Holy Father will recite the Holy Rosary on Sunday at the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore. It would be a good time for us all to do the same, invoking *Our Lady Queen of Peace*, and uniting our prayer with that of the Pope.

**Assisted Suicide Bill.** On Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, the House of Commons will hear the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide. It is a great privilege to be with someone and help them at the end of their life. But "Assisted Suicide" is different. The Bishops of England and Wales are calling on Catholics to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide. Please contact your MP to voice your opposition to this Bill.

**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. To join, email [studentcross.oxfordleg@gmail.com](mailto:studentcross.oxfordleg@gmail.com) and turn up on the day at Walton Well Car Park, at 12.30 pm with a packed lunch and suitable footwear! To find out more please email or click on this [link \(bit.ly/OxLeg25\)](https://bit.ly/OxLeg25).

**A message from Father Hudson's Care:** *We are pleased to announce that from 1st October the new name of our charity will be Father Hudson's Caritas. At Father Hudson's Care we have been providing support to those in need since 1902. Over the last 122 years we have adapted and developed to ensure we are reaching out and supporting those most in need. Caritas means love, charity, care, concern for others. The term is universal and used across the world by similar organisations driven by a Catholic ethos. .... Having Caritas in our name better reflects our place nationally and internationally, ensuring we are visible both regionally as the social care agency of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and internationally as a Caritas organisation.*

**Tailpiece:** One day, a devout shepherd lost his Bible while he was out looking for a wayward lamb. Three weeks later, a sheep walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. The shepherd couldn't believe his eyes. He took the precious book out of the sheep's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!" "Not really," said the sheep. "Your name is written inside the cover."

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