



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th October, 2024

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Sunday, 13 th October Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Prisoners' Sunday	(5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at Our Lady's) 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's) 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Fidelma Martin (Get Well) Private Intention Tusing Tchung Vila Nova John White Maria E.F.C. Liu
Monday, 14 th October Op. Mem. of St. Callistus I	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	In Thanksgiving (Jonas)
Tuesday, 15 th October Mem. of St. Teresa of Jesus	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Special Intention
Wednesday, 16 th October Optional Memorial of St. Hedwig, Religious, or of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Religious	No Public Mass Today	Kath Pill (Birthday)
Thursday, 17 th October Mem. of St. Ignatius of Antioch	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Marty Joyce
Friday, 18 th October Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	MaryAnne Borthwick (Birthday)
Saturday, 19 th October Mem. of St. Frideswide, Abbess, Patron of Oxford	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass (12.00 noon Mass at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Nuala McNally (Get Well) The Salesian Sisters Tommy Gildea
Sunday, 20 th October Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Mission Day	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's) 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) (3.30 pm Reception at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Private Intention Alexander McVeigh Jorge Garcia Valente Mary Heap Nalini (Birthday)
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm. (Confessions at Our Lady's: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm)		

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

Today is **Prisoners' Sunday** when we are asked to pray for prisoners, their families and all of those affected by imprisonment and those who support them. PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust), the national Catholic prison charity, supports prisoners, their families, and their children, offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around. To find out more about PACT visit [Prisoners Sunday - Prison Advice and Care Trust](#)

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

Please pray for Mary (Maureen) Heap and Frieda Sawitzki, who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Bishop Michael Glancey, Mgrs. Cyril L. Fay and Paul Joseph Watson, Canon William Withers, Frs. Seamus Gilroy, Aidan White-Spunner and Brendan Byrne, Deacon Louis Kelly, and also Patrick O'Connell, Tommy Gildea and Peter Wootton. May they rest in peace.

	Counting rota	Readers' Rota (9.00 Mass)	Eucharistic Ministers' Rota		Flowers rota
This week	Chris & Edwin	V. Robbins & D. Silva	Philomena Doherty	Lilian Tatenda Mwawa	Priya & Family
Next Week	Sally & Phil	P. Chacko & A Elizabeth	Josh Peter	Rolly Esteban	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, this Saturday, 19th 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.

Please note: because of the Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sisters at Our Lady's next Saturday there will be no Confessions here at Sacred Heart that day.

Rosary + Bible Online Prayer Group. The next meeting is today, Sunday, 13th October, at 6.00 pm, the Feast of the Fatima Apparitions. Anyone interested please contact Eva on: evasmithson1112@gmail.com. October is the Month of the Rosary. If you don't already pray the Rosary, I encourage you to try it this month.

Assisted Suicide Bill. On Wednesday, 16th October, the House of Commons will hear the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide. The Bishops of England and Wales are calling on Catholics to unite in prayer and to contact your MP to voice your opposition to this Bill. Ahead of the vote in Parliament, Oxford Pro-Life is hosting **an information evening** to help equip you to voice your opposition to the Bill. Come along for: training on arguments against assisted suicide, Q&A, a chance to practice thorny conversations, light refreshments. It will be on Tuesday 15th October, 8.00-9.30 pm, at St. Gregory & St. Augustine church hall, Woodstock Road, OX2 7NS. Parking available.

November is the month when we traditionally pray for those who have died. There will be envelopes soon for you to enclose your list of deceased friends and family and place them before the altar. There will also be a Parish Memorial Mass, especially for those who have died in the last year.

World Mission Sunday, next **Sunday, 20th October**. Every Catholic parish prays for the mission of the Church and also contributes to the Pope's fund for world mission - known in England and Wales as **Missio**.

Our Parish Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday, 30th November. Raffle tickets will be on sale from next Sunday. This is our main fundraising event for the parish. We shall have a few gaps in the ranks this year among the regular helpers, so if you would be willing to play a more active part in the life of our family here, please have a word with Sally after Mass today.

Welcome. This week we welcome Patrick (Paddie) Denton to Sacred Heart. Paddie is the new Diocesan Youth Officer for Oxfordshire, and he will be working with young people and parish youth groups around the county. BUT, he will be living here in Sacred Heart at least for a while and that gives us priority on him!!

The Association for Latin Liturgy autumn open meeting will take place at Blackfriars, St Giles', Oxford, on Saturday, 26th October. Mass at 11.00 (in the ordinary form); talk by Richard Conrad, OP, on "The Trinitarian dynamic of the Eucharistic Sacrifice" at 2.00. A buffet lunch is available, if booked in advance at <https://latin-liturgy.org/meetings> where more details can be found.

The Forty Hours Devotion will be observed at the Oxford Oratory between 6.00 pm on Friday, 18th October, and 6.00 pm on Sunday, 20th October.

A message from CAFOD. Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Harvest season.

Tailpiece: A mother decided that it was time to have a good talk with her four-year-old son about the Gospel. "Benji," she began, "Would you like to have Jesus in your heart?" Benji rolled his eyes while he thought and then replied seriously, "No. I don't think I want the responsibility."

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