



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th October, 2024

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Sunday, 20 th October Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Mission 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) (3.30 pm Reception of Mary Heap at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Tommy Gildea Private Intention Alexander McVeigh Jorge Garcia Valente Nalini (Birthday)
Monday, 21 st October	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Requiem Mass at Our Lady's)	Shaheen (Birthday) Mary Heap
Tuesday, 22 nd October Op. Mem. of St. John Paul II	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Nossa Senhora de Fatima
Wednesday, 23 rd October Op. Mem. of St. John of Capestrano	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish
Thursday, 24 th October Op. Mem. of St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	John McNulty
Friday, 25 th October	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Patricia Cuddy (Get Well)
Saturday, 26 th October Op. Mem. of St. Cedd, Bishop	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass (1.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Private Intention Felicia Moreira Da Cruz Raden Toton Kiemdarto
Sunday, 27 th October Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	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	Private Intention Yvonne Cartwright The Salesian Sisters 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.

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 and Kathleen Parker who died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frs. John Murray, Thomas Burbage and Edward Burbage, and also John O'Brien, Nora (Noreen) Duffy, Kathleen Hill, Betty Etheridge, Shirley Matthews, Elizabeth (Pat) Smith, Frances Aprea, Mary Harrington, Alexander McVeigh, Joseph Patrick McGarry, Bernadette Nolan, Seamus Doherty, Noreen Mason, Valentine Mason and Domenico Antonio Mirto. May they rest in peace.

	Counting rota	Readers' Rota (9.00 Mass)	Eucharistic Ministers' Rota		Flowers rota
This week	Sally & Phil	P. Chacko & A Elizabeth	Josh Peter	Rolly Esteban	Priya & Family
Next Week			Pat McGroarty	John Thomas	

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

Today is World Mission Sunday. This day of prayer, solidarity, and giving unites Catholics everywhere in sharing the Good News of God's love. Pope Francis invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission, on this special day. There will be a second collection for Missio.

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.

Our Parish Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday, 30th November. Raffle tickets will be on sale after Mass today. 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.

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 on Saturday, 16th November, for all parishioners who have died, especially for those who have died in the last year.

All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Friday, 1st November, is the **Solemnity of All Saints** which is a Holyday of Obligation. That means we should all do our best to attend Mass. There will be Mass at Our Lady's at 9.15 am, and here at Sacred Heart at 7.00 pm. **All Souls Day** will be on Saturday, 2nd November. It is not a Holyday of Obligation, but many people like to go to Mass to pray for their deceased family and friends. There will be Mass here at Sacred Heart at 10.00 am. and at Our Lady's at 12.00 noon.

Assisted Suicide Bill. An assisted suicide Bill received its First Reading last Wednesday. The next stage is the Second Reading, in which MPs will have the opportunity to vote on the Bill. That is scheduled for 29th November. If you have not already done so, please contact your MP to voice your opposition to this Bill.

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.

CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal. The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. You can donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal at: cafod.org.uk/give

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025. Every year, hundreds of pilgrims from across the Archdiocese of Birmingham join together for the Lourdes Pilgrimage. 2025 is the Year of Jubilee and Archbishop Bernard invites you to join in this very special occasion in the life of the Archdiocese. The pilgrimage dates have been announced: **Saturday 24th – Friday 30th May 2025**, and you can now express your interest in a place or get more information at: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes.

Tailpiece: A parish priest came back to his presbytery one day, panting and almost completely exhausted. "What on earth is the matter, Father?" asked his worried housekeeper. "It's this great new idea I have to live more simply and save money," he gasped. "I ran all the way home from the deanery meeting behind the bus and saved £2.00." "But Father, that wasn't really very clever," objected his housekeeper. "Why didn't you run behind a taxi and save £10.00?"

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

P.S. Winter is coming! Please note that the clocks change next Saturday night/Sunday morning. Don't forget to get your extra hour in bed!

