



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th October, 2024

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| Sunday, 27 th October Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | (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 | Raden Toton Kiemdarto Private Intention Yvonne Cartwright The Salesian Sisters The People of the Parish |
| Monday, 28 th October <i>Feast of Ss. Simon & Jude, Apostles</i> | (7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer | Janet Gildea (Get Well) |
| Tuesday, 29 th October | 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's) | Kitty Davies (We also remember Cosme and Adelina Ximenes) |
| Wednesday, 30 th October | No Public Mass Today | Special Intention |
| Thursday, 31 st October | (11.00 am Requiem Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass | Kathleen Parker In Thanksgiving (Blossom) |
| Friday, 1 st November Solemnity of All Saints Holyday of Obligation <i>First Friday</i> | 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's) 7.00 pm Mass | Joshi Family (Thanksgiving) Dec'd Lyons and Kennedy Families |
| Saturday, 2 nd November <i>Commemoration of All Souls</i> | 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) | Felix Saulong Jr. Pennamma Stephen Abhimanyu Joshi & Mary Florence |
| Sunday, 3 rd November Thirty-first 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 Sebastia, Victoria Bernadette Edwards (Birthday) Fernanda Amaral, Fernando, Luciano, Fransisca Fatima, Manuel Tuman |
| Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm; Saturday, 10.30 – 11.00 am. (Confessions at Our Lady's: Friday, 10.00 – 10.45 am) | | |

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

All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

Friday this week 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 is on Saturday. 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.

*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, Rosa Fernandes and all those we know who are sick.

Please pray for Kathleen Parker, Mary Muthoni and Fidelma Martin who died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bishop John Barrett, Frs. John Francis McGovern, Thomas Williams, John O'Dwyer, Patrick O'Sullivan, James Faulconer-Morgan, Henry Taylor and Louis Moore, Deacon Paul Grosvenor, and also Margaret Dunne, Sean Bates, Patrick Hughes, Kevin Hosey and Katherine Raj. May they rest in peace.

| | Counting rota | Readers' Rota (9.00 Mass) | Eucharistic Ministers' Rota | | Flowers rota |
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| This week | Kylla & Lilian | D. Wallace & Blossom | Pat McGroarty | John Thomas | Ghie & Rocelle |
| Next Week | Rachel & Phil | R. Galinda & K. Abrigo | Philomena Doherty | Lilian Tatenda Mwawa | Ghie & Rocelle |

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

November begins this week. It is the month when we traditionally pray for those who have died.

- **November Prayers for the Dead.** There are memorial slips available on the altar rails to write the names of those you wish to pray for. Place the slips in the basket in front of the altar and they will be remembered at Mass throughout the month.
- **Blessing Of Graves:**
Rose Hill Cemetery, on Sunday, 3rd November at 3.00 pm. Gather in the cemetery chapel for an opening service and then process through the cemetery.
Headington Cemetery: on Saturday, 2nd November at 11.30am.
- **Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the North Oxford Deanery** Tuesday 12th November, 12.15 pm, at Corpus Christi Church, Headington. All welcome.
- **Parish Memorial Mass for those in the parish who have died,** especially those whose funerals have been held here during the past year, on Saturday, 16th November, 11.00 am. If you would like anyone's name to be included, please let me know.
- **Remembrance Sunday,** 10th November. We shall have a short service after each Mass to lay a wreath and pray for those who have died in war and for peace.



The Johnson Fund. There will be a second collection next weekend to support this Fund for the support of the Secular Clergy of our Archdiocese who, on account of age or infirmity, need financial help. Thank you.

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 each year for the parish so please support it if you can.

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.

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. 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.

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

Tailpiece: My mother once told me how, when she was young, she and her sister slipped out of the house to go to a dance on All Saints' Day. After the dance they were running home and my aunt slowed down and said, "Do you realise that it's after midnight and now it's All Souls' Day? If only we could see them we are surrounded by those who have died." My mother, less pious and more practical, replied, "Yes, and if we don't keep running Mother will catch us and we'll be joining them!"

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