



# Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

## *Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### *29<sup>th</sup> September, 2024*

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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>	Mabel (Intentions)  Private Intention Rolando Balbag Josie & Eddie Griffiths Alfie Philip Roy Willars Hipolito Exposto Santa
Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> September Memorial of St. Jerome	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	In Thanksgiving
Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> October Memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	John Hudgell (Birthday)
Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> October Mem. of the Holy Guardian Angels	<b>No Public Mass Today</b>	Joseph Malley (Get Well)
Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> October Mem. of St. Thomas Cantilupe	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	Leandes Agnew
Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> October Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi <b>CAFOD Harvest Fast Day</b>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>9.30 am Mass</b> (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	The People of the Parish Sylvia
Saturday, 5 <sup>th</sup> October Op. Mem. of St. Faustina Kowalska	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)	Blossom (good health & thanks) Pawan (Birthday)
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
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, 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: Canon Anthony (Tony) Piercy, Frs. Edward Cotter, Laurence Daly, Denis Mary Egan, Luke Magee CP, William McGann, John Nightingale, John Danaher and John Bullen, Deacons Tony Colby and John Burrows, and also Robert Gharthey, Maureen Connolly, Teresa (Ann) Spencer, Mary Cromey, Nelly McLoughlin, John Doherty and Pearl Jenkins. May they rest in peace.

	Counting rota	Readers' Rota (9.00 Mass)	Eucharistic Ministers' Rota		Flowers rota
This week	Kylla & Lilian	D. Wallace & Nina	Rolly Esteban	Anne Marie Sonan	Jocelyn
Next Week	Rachel & Phil	K. Abrigo & J. Esteban			Jocelyn

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

*Today is the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The theme is, "God walks with His people".*



*Pope Francis reminds us that all of us, God's people, are migrants on this earth, on our way to the "true homeland", the Kingdom of Heaven. Migrants are a contemporary icon of this people on a journey, of the Church on a journey, and at the same time, it is in them and in all our vulnerable brothers and sisters that we can meet the Lord who walks with us.*

**The "Season of Creation" (1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October) ends next Friday (the Feast of St Francis of Assisi), but please remember that our responsibility as stewards of creation continues.**

**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.**

**Thank you** to the gardeners and helpers who worked hard to put the grounds here in order last Saturday.

**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](https://bit.ly/OxLeg25) ([bit.ly/OxLeg25](https://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.

**CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day appeal – (next Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Next Friday, please live simply and give the money you save in the second collection next Sunday, using the envelopes provided or give online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](https://cafod.org.uk/envelope)

**The Parish Christmas bazaar** (yes, I know. Sorry!) will be on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November. Please make sure you have the date in your diary. Raffle tickets will be on sale soon.

**October** starts this week and it is the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. The rosary is integral to the spiritual life of many Catholics in our countries and, if we deepen our understanding of the foundations of our rosary prayers, we can, in turn, deepen our devotion to Mary, the Mother of God.

**Parish Finance Committee.** There will be a meeting this afternoon, Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, at 4.00 pm in the parish office, please.

**Tailpiece:** A Sunday School teacher asked her class, "Do you know where naughty children go if they don't put their money in the collection plate?" she asked. "Yes ma'am," a boy blurted out. "They go to the cinema."

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