



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th November, 2024

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Sunday, 17 th November Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>World Day of the Poor</i>	(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) (2.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Sean Jennings (Anniversary) Private Intention Michael Cullen Raden Toton Kiemdarto Maila Clarke Cancio Da Costa
Monday, 18 th November <i>Op. Mem. of the Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul</i>	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Patricia Cuddy
Tuesday, 19 th November	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Nossa Senhora de Fatima
Wednesday, 20 th November	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish
Thursday, 21 st November <i>Memorial of the Presentation of Our Lady</i>	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Cecilia Michael
Friday, 22 nd November <i>Memorial of St. Cecilia, Martyr</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Annamma Thomas
Saturday, 23 rd November <i>Op. Mems. of St. Clement I, Pope, or St. Columban, Abbot</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (11.00 am Parish Memorial Mass at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Deceased Parishioners, Family and Friends Helen Towey
Sunday, 24 th November Solemnity of Christ the King <i>National Youth Sunday</i>	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 Brendan McNally Thomas White (Birthday) Jeronimo R.B. Martins & Ivan Guterres Andrade (Thanksgiving)
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm (At Our Lady's on 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.

Solemnity of Christ the King. Next Sunday is the last of the year and it is a Day of Prayer for Young People. There will be a second collection for the Catholic Youth Services.

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 Keith Dolton, Barry Holland, Rosalind Ingrams, Betty Duff, Inna, Claudino Serra Vaz, Beatrice Upham, Eileen McGarry, Mely Balbag, Keelin Trahern, Cheryl Jones, Josie Griffiths, Mary Cross, Nuala McNally, Billy Gardner, Rosa and Maria Fernandes, Kathleen Boyle and all those we know who are sick.

Please pray for Terry Downes, Mary Muthoni, Patricia (Olive) Ashley-Morgan, Patricia Cuddy and Katie Smith who died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Archbishop John McIntyre, Canon Philip Coyne, Frs. Bernard Boulton, Gerry Jackson and David Higham, Deacon Pat Linthwaite, Srs. Margaret Renshaw, Kathleen Jones and Mary Cairns FMA, and also Roger Afford, Grace Gingell, Denis Fitzgibbon, Valerie Mostopher, Bernard Teeling, Brendan McNally, Michael Joseph Anthony Cullen and Frank Piggott. May they rest in peace.

	Counting rota	Readers' Rota (9.00 Mass)	Eucharistic Ministers' Rota		Flowers rota
This week	Sally & Phil	P. Chacka & Dom	Josh Peter	Rolly Esteban	Lizette
Next Week	Kylla & Lilian	D. Wallace & D. Silva	Pat McGroarty	John Thomas	Jacqui Halliday

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

November is the month when we traditionally pray for those who have died. 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.

Our Parish Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday, 30th November – JUST TWO WEEKS TO GO!! 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 special event. The pilgrimage dates are: **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.

Vacancy. “The Archdiocese of Birmingham invite applications for the new CEO of the first enlarged Catholic Multi-Academy Trust in the Archdiocese. This is an incredibly exciting opportunity to commence Easter 2025, or earlier. We are looking for an outstanding, dynamic, innovative, and visionary Catholic servant leader to lead this new Trust of 63 schools by example and with wisdom. For further details, please visit the Diocesan Education Service website: [CEO Vacancy](#). The closing date is 25th November”

Keyholders. In accordance with the diocesan policy to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk, we are asking all parishioners who have a one or more keys to the church, carpark or hall to sign for them, please.

Christians in the Holy Land. This weekend we welcome Christians from the Holy Land who will be selling olive-wood articles after the 9.00 am Mass to support the Christian communities there.

Festive Stays 2024. Could you lay an extra place at your table this Christmas for an international student? Each year our charity, EIL UK, receives hundreds of applications from international students studying at British universities hoping to experience Christmas or New Year in a British home. If you live in Oxfordshire and could offer friendship and host an overseas university student for a 3-night stay between 20th December 2024 and 5th January 2025, drop us a line at host@eiluk.org to find out more about this rich and rewarding experience and how you can be part of the HOST UK programme.

“Assisted Dying” Bill. This Bill is due to be debated in Parliament on 29th November. Life is a gift to us from God and we should not consider taking our own lives. It is important that we write to our MP to ask him/her to vote against the Bill. If you do not know how to do this or what to write there is a draft letter to help you. All you need to do is put your address on the top, address it to your MP, sign it and send it off.

Tailpiece: During Mass one Sunday a lady was fumbling in her bag for her offering when a TV remote control fell out. The curious usher bent over to pick it up and whispered, “Do you always carry your TV remote to church?” “No,” she replied, “but my husband refused to come with me this evening, and I figured this was the worst thing I could do to him legally.”

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