



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd November, 2024

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Sunday, 3 rd November Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	<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) 6.00 pm Mass</i>	<i>Abhimanyu Joshi & Mary Florence Private Intention Sebastia, Victoria Bernadette Edwards (Birthday) Fernanda Amaral, Fernando, Luciano, Francisca Fatima, Manuel Tuman</i>
Monday, 4 th November <i>Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i>	No Public Mass Today	<i>Louisa Summers (Get Well)</i>
Tuesday, 5 th November	No Public Mass Today	<i>Macdonald Family Intentions</i>
Wednesday, 6 th November	No Public Mass Today	<i>The People of the Parish</i>
Thursday, 7 th November <i>Op. Mem. of St. Willibrord, Bishop</i>	No Public Mass Today	<i>Peter & Comseeta Peter</i>
Friday, 8 th November <i>Mem. of Bl. George Napier, Martyr</i>	No Public Mass Today	<i>Angus Barrett (Get Well)</i>
Saturday, 9 th November <i>Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	<i>7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (11.30 am Nuptial Mass at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Joan Kanje and Pawel Pytlak Epifania Auxiliadora Da Coasta Freitas</i>
Sunday, 10 th November Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	<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) (2.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass</i>	<i>Private Intention Mary & Anthony Afanu (Thanks) The People of the Parish Janiel Osose Osahon Nuala McNally (Get Well)</i>

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

Please pray for Kathleen Parker, Mary Muthoni, Patricia (Olive) Ashley-Morgan and Fidelma Martin who died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville, Mgr. Bertram Gould, Canons Denis Toplass, Patrick Smith, Eugene O'Sullivan and John Redford, Frs. James Curtin, Aengus Gabriel Donlon, John Francis Bromfield, John Brisland, Ian Ker, Francis Dawson and Derek Edwards, and also Mary Winter, Cora Proctor and Joseph Mgungwe. May they rest in peace.

	Counting rota	Readers' Rota (9.00 Mass)	Eucharistic Ministers' Rota		Flowers rota
This week	Rachel & Phil	R. Galinda & K. Abrigo	Philomena Doherty	Lilian Tatenda Mwawa	Ghie & Rocelle
Next Week			Chris Donovan	Anne Marie Sonan	

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.

- **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 at Rose Hill Cemetery**, today, Sunday, 3rd November at 3.00 pm. Gather in the cemetery chapel for an opening service and then process through the cemetery.
- **Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the North Oxford Deanery** Tuesday 12th November, 12.15 pm, at Corpus Christi Church, Headington. Every year the clergy meet to celebrate Mass for their deceased brethren. You are invited and welcome to join us.
- **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 second Collection at Masses today is for the Johnson Fund which provides support to sick and retired priests of the diocese. Many retired priests depend on grants from the Johnson Fund, and your generosity will help them greatly.

Holidays. I shall be having a few days off this week and the office will be closed during this time. I shall offer Mass for the intentions listed. Fr. Fanzwa has kindly agreed to come and celebrate the 6.00 pm Mass this weekend. If you need a priest during this time, please contact Canon Mervyn at Corpus Christi, Headington. Telephone: 01865 762433; Email: corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk.

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.

Please note that there will be no Mass or Confessions here at Sacred Heart next Thursday evening or Saturday morning.

Please pray for Joan Kanje and Pawel Pitlak who will be married at Our Lady's next Saturday morning.

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: Little Philip was walking home in the rain with his mother after Mass one Sunday. They rounded a corner, and there was a vivid rainbow in the sky. "Isn't that beautiful!" his mother exclaimed. "I bet God painted that just for you!" "Yes," replied Philip, "God painted it, and what's more He did it left-handed." His mother asked, "How do you know that?" "Easy," said Philip. "We just learned that Jesus is sitting on God's right hand."

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