



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th September, 2025

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Sunday, 28 th September Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day of Thanksgiving for the Harvest</i>	(5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at Our Lady's) 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (8.45 am Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's) 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Akasio Lopes Ribeiro <i>Private Intention</i> James McVeigh Ninette Inarukundo (Anniversary) Jeronimo Babo and Ercia Andrade (2 nd Wedding Anniversary)
Monday, 29 th September <i>Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Mrs Nan Mooney (14 th Anniv.)
Tuesday, 30 th September <i>Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Claudino Serra Vaz (Get Well)
Wednesday, 1 st October <i>Memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	No Public Mass Today	<i>The People of the Parish</i>
Thursday, 2 nd October <i>Mem. of the Holy Guardian Angels</i>	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Eileen McGroarty (and we also remember in prayer Deria Santa Virgem Maria)
Friday, 3 rd October <i>Memorial of St. Thomas Cantilupe</i> <i>CAFOD Harvest Fast Day</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Josephine McMahon (Birthday)
Saturday, 4 th October <i>Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass (1.30 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Barbara Reneghan Shane Lei Da Costa Maryanne Borthwick (Get Well)
Sunday, 5 th October Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (8.45 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>Private Intention</i> Cecilia Michael Pawan (Birthday) <i>The People of the Parish</i>
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm, and Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am. (Also at Our Lady's on Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm.)		

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass today, especially if you are new to this Parish.
Today is a Day of Thanksgiving for the Harvest.

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.*

We are a parish with a clear identity and purpose: to be a Catholic community, formed by the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus, for the glory and praise of God the Father and the service of His Kingdom, and also for the mutual building up and support of its members. The core message that we feel called to live is contained in Jesus' words:

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10)

	Counting rota	Readers' Rota (9.00 Mass)	Eucharistic Ministers' Rota		Flowers rota
This week	Sally and Phil	D. Wallace and Blossom	Pat McGroarty	Lilian Tatenda Mwawa	
Next week	Kylla and Lilian				

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Sally McVeigh, Keith Dolton, Barry Holland, Rosalind Ingrams, Claudio Serra Vaz, Inna, Beatrice Upham, Eileen McGarry, Cheryl Jones, Josie Griffiths, Mary Cross, Nuala McNally, Maggie Durkin, Tony Davis, Cathleen Kennedy, Jim Kennedy, Ella Dawson, Mary Barry and all we know who are sick.

Please pray for Barbara Holland and all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frs. Edward Cotter, Laurence Daly, Denis Mary Egan, William McGann, John Nightingale, John Danaher, John Bullen, Deacons Anthony Colby and John Burrows, and also Robert Ghartey, Maureen Connolly, Maureen Heap, Teresa (Ann) Spencer, Bridget (Delia) Simmons, Nelly McLoughlin, John Doherty and Richard Hansen. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

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

Welcome to the new students who have arrived to begin their studies at University. If you are a new arrival, please come and introduce yourself to me.

First Friday. This Friday is the First Friday of the month.

Fr. Hudson's Caritas. At Masses today there will be a second collection for Fr. Hudson's Caritas. As the social care agency of the Archdiocese, Fr Hudson's supports people in need. Their work includes care for older people, those suffering from dementia and people with disabilities, fostering and supporting families through Community Projects and School Based Family Support Projects. Please help them if you can.

Enquiries about the Catholic Faith: Our talk this week will be about the Creed, focussing on the first part: "I believe in one God, the Father Almighty". Friday, 4.30-5.15 pm in the Parish Hall at Our Lady's, Cowley. All welcome.

Mass for the Sick. There will be a special Mass for the sick on Saturday, 11th October, here in Sacred Heart Church, at 11.00 am. It will include the Sacrament of the Sick. All welcome.

Confirmation. Bishop Richard will be coming to Sacred Heart to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 18th October at 10.00 am. Please pray for the nine candidates who are preparing to receive this Sacrament.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. This Friday, 3rd October, CAFOD is asking you to give up a little food in order to help our sisters and brothers in the world's poorest countries get enough nutritious food to eat. You can put the money you save into one of the Fast Day envelopes which are available at the back of church. Please give as much as you can so that hunger doesn't remain a fact of life. Bring the envelopes back next Sunday when we will have a second collection after Communion. If you can Gift Aid your donation that would help CAFOD even more at no extra cost to you.

Newman Night Walk from Oxford to Littlemore, Wednesday, 8th October, to commemorate the arrival of Blessed Dominic Barberi at Littlemore and the anniversary of Saint John Henry Newman's reception into the one fold of the Redeemer.

7.15 pm: Pilgrim prayers at the Oxford Oratory.

9.00 pm: Candlelight procession from 7 Courtland Rd to Blessed Dominic Barberi church.

(In parallel: exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Blessed Dominic Barberi church.)

On arrival: Benediction and Procession to the College.

Light refreshments will be provided in the parish hall at the close of the event. If you wish, you can leave your car in the car park of Blessed Dominic Barberi church while you do the Walk.



APF (red) Boxes. Could anyone with a red box who hasn't brought it in recently to be emptied please do so today, please, if possible. You can leave it in the Sacristy or give it directly to me or to Jacqui. Thank you.

CAFOD. Rachel Beward is running her first marathon to raise money for CAFOD on 19th October. If you would like to sponsor her, she has a sponsorship form, or to give online go to: https://www.justgiving.com/page/rachel-beward-3?utm_source=EmailShare_SFMC&utm_medium=email_social&utm_campaign=LFCFRUK_Day5_Full_Std

Sacred Heart Christmas Bazaar. Don't worry, there are still some weeks to go! At this stage I just want to make sure that everyone has this date in their diaries. It will be on Saturday, 28th November. We urgently need new people to take part by running stalls, games, etc. Please don't be backward. Let Jacqui know you are willing to help.

Tailpiece: sometimes notices are printed in church bulletins that perhaps don't really mean what they say:

I rather liked this one, during a priest's illness:

"God is good - Father is better."

More sinister: *"Potluck supper: prayer and medication to follow."*

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