



# Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19<sup>th</sup> October, 2025

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Sunday, 19 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <i>World Mission Sunday</i>	<i>(5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <b>7.45 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.00 am Mass</b> <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <i>(2.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's)</i> <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	<i>Zegen Liam Rodrigues (B'day)</i> <i>Alexander McVeigh</i> <i>Nalini (Birthday)</i> <i>Emelia Dowgiallo</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>
Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <i>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i> <i>(4.00 pm Reception at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Ariana McDonagh</i> <i>Julia McCann</i>
Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> October	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i> <i>(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <i>(12.30 pm Requiem Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <i>(7.00 pm Evening Prayer at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Shaheen Joshi (Birthday)</i> <i>Julia McCann</i>
Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> October <i>Op. Mem. of St. John Paul II, Pope</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i> <b>No Public Mass Today</b>	<i>Fr. Pat Armstrong (Get Well)</i>
Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> October <i>Op. Mem. of St. John of Capestrano</i>	<b>6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction</b> <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	<i>Bernadette Nolan</i>
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Op. Mem. of St. Anthony Mary Claret</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i> <i>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>The Souls in Purgatory</i>
Saturday, 25 <sup>th</sup> October	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i> <b>10.00 am Mass</b> <i>(5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Mr M. E. Connelly (JA)</i> <i>Asha (Birthday)</i>
Sunday, 26 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<i>7.45 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i> <i>(8.45 am Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <b>9.00 am Mass</b> <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	<i>Private Intention</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i> <i>Irene Knibbs (Get Well)</i> <i>Dec'd Hedgecox Family (JA)</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.

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	Chris and Edwin	P. Chacka and Dom	Josh Peter	John Thomas	
Next week	Sally and Phil	D. Wallace and Blossom	Pat McGroarty	Lilian Tatenda Mwawa	

**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, Mary Cairns, Lisa Birch, Julio Madeira Cabral Soares, Fatima Jong and all we know who are sick.

**Please pray for Julie McCann, Patrick Mason** and all who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frs. Brendan Byrne, Thomas Burbage, John Murray and Edward Burbage, and also John O'Brien, Noreen Duffy, Kathleen Hill, Betty Etheridge, Shirley Matthews, Elizabeth (Pat) Smith, Frances Aprea, Mary Harrington, Alexander McVeigh, Joseph Patrick McGarry, Bernadette Nolan, Noreen Mason, Valentine Mason and Seamus Doherty. 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.**

**Don't forget that October is the month of the Holy Rosary. We shall pray the Rosary during the Holy Hour before Mass on Thursday evenings during the month.**

**Dilexi te – I have loved you.** Pope Leo has released the first major magisterial document of his papacy: *Dilexi te* (I have loved you) reminds us of the preferential love that God has for those who are poor, the most vulnerable and marginalised.

**CAFOD.** Good luck to Rachel who is running her first marathon today in Abingdon to raise money for CAFOD. If you can give her a cheer on the way I am sure she would appreciate it. Thank you to all who have sponsored her. If you haven't sponsored her yet, there's still time. Go to:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/rachel-breward-3?utm\\_source>EmailShare\\_SFMC&utm\\_medium=email\\_socia&utm\\_campaign=LFCFRUK\\_Day5\\_Full\\_Std](https://www.justgiving.com/page/rachel-breward-3?utm_source>EmailShare_SFMC&utm_medium=email_socia&utm_campaign=LFCFRUK_Day5_Full_Std)

**Canonisation of Sr. Maria Troncatti FMA.** Today Pope Leo is "raising to the altars" (i.e. declaring to be a saint) Sr. Maria Troncatti, a Salesian Sister. This is a reason for rejoicing for the Salesian Family here in Oxford and throughout the world, and for all of us.

**St. Maria Troncatti, pray for us.**

**The 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, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 11.00 am. If you would like anyone's name to be included in this commemoration, please let me know (in writing).

**The Sacred Heart Christmas Bazaar** will be on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**World Mission Sunday.** Today there will be a second collection at Masses for Missio, the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission.

**The annual Blessing of Graves** at Rose Hill Cemetery will take place on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, at 3.00 pm. If you have family members or friends buried at Rose Hill you are welcome to come and pray for them.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Fabiana, Alvin, Shelby, Shanel, Ramona, Kaylah, Constantine, Elorme and Johnell who received the Sacrament of Confirmation here at Sacred Heart yesterday. May God bless them and their families.

**Visitation Of Oxford North Deanery:** The Archbishop and Bishop Richard will be here for the opening meeting of our Deanery Visitation this Tuesday evening, 21<sup>st</sup> October, 7.00 pm at Our Lady's. There will be Evening Prayer, followed by an open meeting in the Don Bosco Centre. Please attend if you can. Bishop Richard will spend a weekend with us after Christmas.



**As Jesus (nearly) said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it in a-Barn-Dance."** There are just a few tickets left for the Barn Dance at Our Lady's, this Saturday, 7.00 – 9.30 pm. Tickets £10.00 (includes supper).

**Mary's Meals.** Next weekend we welcome Alessandria and Catherine, who will speak at the Masses about Mary's Meals and appeal for help for this wonderful charity.

**Enquiries about the Catholic Faith:** This week and next week we are having a break for the half term holiday. The talks will re-start on 7<sup>th</sup> November with "I believe in the Holy Spirit".

**Parish Pilgrimage to Rome.** To reserve a seat on the coach to and from the airport, could each pilgrim email their contact details asap directly to Leticia at [corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk) There will be an orientation meeting for all pilgrims at Corpus Christi at 12.30 pm on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> November.

**Tailpiece:** A priest gave an unusually long sermon, based on today's Gospel about the parable of *The Poor Widow and the Corrupt Judge*. Later at the door, while the priest was shaking hands with his parishioners, one man said: "Father, your sermon was simply wonderful - so invigorating, inspiring and refreshing." The priest, of course, broke out in a big smile, only to hear with a shock the man's next words: "I felt like a new man when I woke up!"

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



**P.S. The clocks change next Saturday night/Sunday morning. Don't forget to get your extra hour in bed.**