



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th October, 2025

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Sunday, 26 th October Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(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	Asha (Birthday) Private Intention Fernando Neves Liu and Luzia Pereira Lobato Irene Knibbs (Get Well) Dec'd Hedgecox Family (JA)
Monday, 27 th October	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Kathy McGurn
Tuesday, 28 th October Feast of St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Bernadette Edwards
Wednesday, 29 th October	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer No Public Mass Today	<i>The People of the Parish</i>
Thursday, 30 th October	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Horacio Liu and Filomena Liu
Friday, 31 st October	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Kitty Davies (Birthday)
Saturday, 1 st November	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass (2.00 pm Nuptial Mass at Our Lady's) (4.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Kathleen Mullagh (99 th B'day) Laura Broadbent and Tony Davis Jason Munyampundu In Thanksgiving (Joshi Family)
Sunday, 2 nd November Solemnity of All Saints	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	Private Intention Fernando and Family Florence Mary Joshi (Anniv.) Dec'd Hedgecox Family (JA)
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
This week	Sally and Phil	D. Wallace and Blossom	Pat McGroarty	Lilian Tatenda Mwawa	
Next week	Kylla and Lilian		Chris Donovan	Anne Marie Sonan	

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, May Cox and all who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frs. John Francis McGovern, Thomas Williams, John O'Dwyer, Patrick O'Sullivan, James Faulconer-Morgan, Henry Taylor and Deacon Paul Grosvenor, and also Domenico Antonio Mirto, Margaret Dunne, Sean Bates, Patrick Hughes, Kathleen Raj, William Durkin and Matthew (Mattie) Perks. 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 we are still in October, the month of the Holy Rosary. We shall pray the Rosary during the Holy Hour before Mass on Thursday evenings during the month.

All Saints and All Souls. Please note that the Solemnity of All Saints, which should be celebrated on 1st November (next Saturday), has been transferred this year to next Sunday (2nd November). That has a knock-on effect that means that the Commemoration of All Souls (which, of course, should be on 2nd) will now be held on Monday 3rd November. All clear?

CAFOD. Congratulations to Rachel who completed her first marathon last Sunday in Abingdon to raise money for CAFOD. She has raised a magnificent £628.00. 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&utm_campaign=LFCFRUK_Day5_Full_Std

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, 8th 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, 29th 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.

The annual Blessing of Graves at Rose Hill Cemetery will take place on Sunday, 2nd 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.

Visitation Of Oxford North Deanery: Thank you to those who managed to come last Tuesday to the opening meeting of our Deanery Visitation with the Archbishop and Bishop Richard. Bishop Richard will spend a weekend with us in February.

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

Deanery Deceased Clergy Mass. This year the Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the North Oxford Deanery will take place at Corpus Christi Church, Headington, on Tuesday, 11th November, at 12.30 pm. All parishioners are invited to be there, but if you cannot, please pray for those deceased priests and deacons who ministered in this city.

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome. There will be an orientation meeting for all pilgrims in Corpus Christi Parish Hall at 12.30 pm on Sunday, 9th November. We shall go through the Itinerary, and Canon Mervyn will answer any questions.

November Prayers for the Dead. There are memorial slips available to write the names of those for whom you wish to pray during November. Place the slips in the basket in front of the altar and they will be remembered at Mass.



Remembrance Sunday. Sunday, 9th November, will be Remembrance Sunday when we pray for those who have died in past and present wars.

Enquiries about the Catholic Faith: This week we are having a break for the half term holiday.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Johnson Association. The Association is there to provide financial help to priests of the Archdiocese of Birmingham in retirement, old age and sickness. Currently there are approximately 190 diocesan priests. Of these, 59 are over the age of 75, 65 are aged 65-75. As you can see the work of the Association is going to be vital in future years. Please give generously to this cause, and if you can remember the Association in your will that would be good.

Tailpiece: A man decided to try his Vocation to be a monk. At the monastery he was told that he had to take a vow of silence and could only say two words every ten years. He took the vow and began his first ten years of service. At the end of ten years he was brought to the Abbot who asked him what two words he would like to say. His response was "FOOD BAD". After another ten years he was brought to the Abbot again and asked what he would like to say. This time he said, "BED HARD", and that was it. After a further ten years he was brought to the Abbot again. This time he said, "I QUIT." The Abbot looked at him and replied, "You might as well. You've done nothing but complain ever since you got here".

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