

# Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	(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) <b>9.00 am Mass</b> (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	Maryanne Borthwick (Get Well)  Private Intention Cecilia Michael Pawan (Birthday) The People of the Parish
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Op. Memorial of St. Bruno, Priest</i>	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>1.30 pm Mass for St John Fisher School</b>	Juvenal Patrice Nshamaje (Anniv.)  Fr. Sandy Brown (JA)
Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Maryanne Borthwick (Birthday)
Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>No Public Mass Today</b>	John Hudgell (Birthday)
Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Feast of St. John Henry Newman</b>	<b>6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction</b> <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	Mickey Butter (Get Well)
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Op. Mem. of St. Paulinus of York, or Ss. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, or St John Leonardi, Priest.</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Lisa Birch (Get Well)
Saturday, 11 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Op. Mem. of Bl. William Howard, or St. John XXIII.</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>11.00 am Mass</b> (4.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Those who are Sick and Suffering Martin McDonagh Anne Marie Lyons (Anniversary)
Sunday, 12 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (8.45 am Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's) <b>9.00 am Mass</b>  (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	Private Intention Joel and Doris (Wedding Anniv.) and Jeremiah John White (Birthday) The People of the Parish
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm. (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:

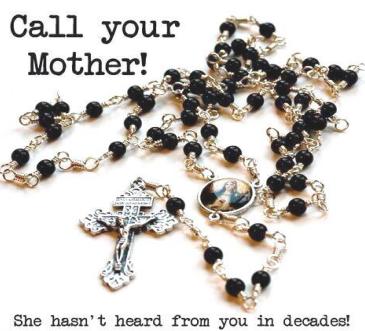
*I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10)*

	Counting rota	Readers' Rota (9.00 Mass)	Eucharistic Ministers' Rota		Flowers rota
This week	Kylla and Lilian	J. Esteban and R. Galinda	Chris Donovan	Anne Marie Sonan	
Next week	Rachel and Phil	A. Elizabeth and V. Robbins	Phil Doherty	Pawel Drozdz	

**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 Julie McCann, Celia Nascimento** and all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Canon Anthony (Tony) Piercy, Frs. Philip Casey, John Fitzpatrick and Thomas Power, Dcn Patrick Selwood, and also Mary Cromey, Pearl Jenkins, Noleen Bernadette Keenan, Mary Catherine Murphy, Giuseppe Bonassisa and Catherine 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.

**Visitation Of Oxford North Deanery:** Every five years or so the Archbishop arranges a pastoral visitation to parishes in his Archdiocese. He does this on a Deanery basis. His Grace has informed us that the visitations of the Oxford North Deanery will take place over the next few months. The opening meeting for the whole Deanery will be held at Our Lady's on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October in the evening. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Evening Prayer, followed by an open meeting in the Don Bosco Centre. After that, at a date still to be arranged, Bishop Richard will spend a weekend with us.

**Mass for the Sick.** There will be a special Mass for the sick this Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> 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, 18<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00 am. Please pray for the nine candidates who are preparing to receive this Sacrament.

**Newman Night Walk from Oxford to Littlemore,** this Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October, beginning at 7.15 pm with Pilgrim prayers at the Oxford Oratory.

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

On arrival: Benediction and Procession to the College.



**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.

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**CAFOD.** Rachel Beward is running her first marathon to raise money for CAFOD on 19<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.justgiving.com/page/rachel-beward-3?utm_source=EmailShare_SFMC&utm_medium=email&social&utm_campaign=LFCFRUK_Day5_Full_Std)

**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.



**Barn Dance.** At Our Lady's on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 7.00 – 9.30 pm. Tickets £10.00 (includes supper), available from me after Mass. Everybody welcome, but tickets are limited so get in fast.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Rome,** The Parish of Corpus Christi is planning to hire a coach for transport from Oxford to Heathrow on 17<sup>th</sup> November, and then back on 21<sup>st</sup> November. If you have booked to go and you want a place on the coach, please email your contact details asap to Leticia at [corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk) She will get back to you with the cost and pick-up times.

**Enquiries about the Catholic Faith:** Our talk this week will be: "I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ". Friday, 4.30-5.15 pm in the Parish Hall at Our Lady's. All welcome.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest.** Please donate to our Family Fast Day collection. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year. Use the



CAFOD envelope, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](https://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10. Use the QR code to give online.

**St. Birinus Festival.** 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> October, at Dorchester Abbey, Dorchester-on-Thames. A full weekend of sung liturgy, (Matins, Mass, Vespers, Compline) in full Gregorian Chant and Polyphony, accompanied by historic instruments, to make the weekend a feast of sacred music of the highest quality.

**Tailpiece:** Teacher: "When Mary and Joseph found that Jesus was not with them on their way back from Jerusalem, what do you think they did?"

Child: "Please, Miss, I expect they knelt down and said a prayer to St. Anthony."

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