



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

23rd November, 2025

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Sunday, 23 rd November Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe National Youth Sunday	(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	Helen Towey (Birthday) Private Intention Aida Soares Jeronimo (Anniv.) Ellen Gaughan (Birthday) Michael Cullen
Monday, 24 th November Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	The People of the Parish
Tuesday, 25 th November Optional Memorial of St. Catherine of Alexandria	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Mary Clarke (Anniversary)
Wednesday, 26 th November	No Public Mass Today	In Thanksgiving
Thursday, 27 th November	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Mary and Edward Murphy
Friday, 28 th November	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	The Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, 29 th November	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Melly Balbag RIP, and Deon Peter (Birthday) Kathleen Murphy (3 rd Anniv.)
Sunday, 30 th November First Sunday of Advent	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) (4.30 pm Mass at Our Lady's for the Goan Community) 6.00 pm Mass	Private Intention Thomas Duff Sheila Jennings (Intentions) Private Intention The People of the Parish
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm, and Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am. Also at Our Lady's, Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm.		

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass today, especially if you are new to this Parish.

Solemnity of Christ the King. Today is the last Sunday of the Church's year and it brings to a climax the whole of the message of our salvation in Jesus by acknowledging Him as our Lord and King in every aspect of our life. It is especially a Day of Prayer for Young People. There will be a second collection for the Catholic Youth Services.

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	Readers (9.00 Mass)	Eucharistic Ministers		Flowers
This week	Sally & Phil		Rolly Esteban	Lilian Tatenda Mwawa	Jacqui Halliday
Next week	Kylla & Lilian		Pat McGroarty	Rolly Esteban	

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Sally McVeigh, Keith Dolton, Barry Holland, Rosalind Ingrams, Claudino 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, John Hudgell and all we know who are sick.

Please pray for Fr. Simon Hall, James Thompson, Keith (Fredek) Reading and all who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Canon Augustine Emery, Frs. Michael Connolly and Edward Neary, and also Denis Fitzgibbon, Valerie Mostopher, Francis Piggott, Josephine McMahon, Anne Josephine Mullagh, Clare Curtis, Wendy Burns, Kathleen Boyle, Joan Taylor, Simeon Onyeahilan, Mary Murphy, Genosta Purcell and John McWilliams. 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.

The Parish youth group would like to invite all young people of the parish to celebrate Youth Sunday today, 23rd November, beginning with 9.00 am Mass and refreshment in the hall afterwards. They also invite all Parishioners: please join us to celebrate our young people of the parish and world.



This is a real treat in the lead-up to Christmas. On the evening of Saturday, 20th December (7.00-8.30 pm) the boys' choir from Worcester College will sing carols and Christmas songs in Our Lady's church, Cowley. Tickets, £15 per person, available next week from me after Mass.

Advent Walk With Me Booklets. Advent begins next Sunday, and to help us to enter into this time of grace there are *Walk With Me* booklets on the church benches. There are also Advent calendars available in the porch.

My Day By Day Booklets for Advent are also available at the back of the church, price £1. These give us the readings at Mass every day during Advent. Please leave your money in the basket where you find the booklets.

Enquiries about the Catholic Faith: The series of talks on Fridays in Our Lady's Parish Hall, 4.30-5.15 pm will restart this week. Anyone who would like to explore aspects of our Catholic Faith is welcome. This week we shall be talking about Prayer.

November Prayers for the Dead. You can still add names of your deceased family and friends in the basket in front of the altar and they will be remembered at Mass throughout the month.

Mass Intentions. The 2026 Mass Intentions diary is open. If you would like Mass offered for an intention, please see Joyce or me after Mass. It would help if you give your request in writing. If you want Mass said on a date that is already booked, I shall do it on the nearest available day.



The Sacred Heart Christmas Bazaar will be NEXT SATURDAY, 29th November, between 2.00 and 4.00 pm. PLEASE COME. We still 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. Raffle tickets are available after Mass, and please look at the donations board in the porch to see if there is anything you would be willing to donate. Thank you.

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome. Last week a group from this parish came with me, together with Canon Mervyn and a group of parishioners from Corpus Christi, on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Holy Year. There were 48 of us – Pilgrims of Hope. It was a large group, but it all went very well and we received many blessings. We have returned safely to share those blessings with you. Thank you to everyone who prayed for us while we were away and be sure that we prayed for you.

Tailpiece: Late one night, a priest was driving too fast along a country road and inevitably he drove his car into the ditch. A farmer happened to be travelling by and he stopped and asked, "Father, are you alright?" The priest, shaken but unhurt, replied, "Yes, I had the Lord riding with me." "Well," said the farmer, "You'd better let Him ride with me, because you're gonna kill Him!"

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