



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Solemnity of All Saints

2nd November, 2025

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Sunday, 2 nd November Solemnity of All Saints	(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) (3.00 pm Blessing of Graves at Rose Hill Cemetery) 6.00 pm Mass	In Thanksgiving (Joshi Family) Private Intention Fernando and Family Florence Mary Joshi (Anniv.) Dec'd Hedgecox Family (JA)
Monday, 3 rd November Commemoration Of All the Faithful Departed	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.30 am Mass at St. John Fisher School) 7.00 pm Mass	Dermot McMahon The People of the Parish The Holy Souls
Tuesday, 4 th November <i>Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Bernadette Edwards (Birthday)
Wednesday, 5 th November	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer No Public Mass Today	Dermot and Josephine McMahon
Thursday, 6 th November	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Peter and Conseeta
Friday, 7 th November <i>Optional Memorial of St. Willibrord First Friday</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Tom McDonagh
Saturday, 8 th November <i>Memorial of Blessed George Napier</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 11.00 am Mass (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's, with Baptism and Confirmation)	Deceased Parishioners Patricia Cuddy
Sunday, 9 th November Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	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) 2.00 pm Baptism (3.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Private Intention Cecilia Michael The People of the Parish Clara Lawes Micah Osuetta Mr. M. E. Connolly (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	Readers (9.00 Mass)	Eucharistic Ministers		Flowers
This week	Kylla & Lilian		Chris Donovan	Anne Marie Sonan	Ghie & Rocelle
Next week	Rachel & Phil		Phil Doherty	Pawel Drozdz	Ghie & Rocelle

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 and all we know who are sick.

Please pray for Fr. Simon Hall, May Cox and all who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville, Bishop John Barrett, Mgr. Bertram Gould, Canons Denis Toplass, Patrick Smith, Eugene O'Sullivan, and John Redford, Frs. Louis Moore, James Curtin, Aengus Donlon, James Broomfield, John Brisland, Ian Kerr, Francis Stanbridge, Francis Dawson and Derek Edwards and also Mary Winter, Kevin Hosey and Cora Proctor. 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.

All Saints and All Souls. Today we are celebrating the Solemnity of All Saints, which has been transferred this year to today. That has a knock-on effect that means that the Commemoration of All Souls will be held tomorrow, Monday 3rd November.

Congratulations to Laura and Tony Davis who were married yesterday. May God bless them in their life together.

St. John Henry Newman was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church yesterday, which means he is honoured as one of the great teachers of the Faith. Last Tuesday he was also proclaimed a co-patron of the Church's educational mission, with St. Thomas Aquinas.

Welcome. Next weekend we welcome Carlton Rose who will be with us for a couple of months as part of his preparation for Ordination as a Deacon.

This 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 about 190 diocesan priests. Of these, 59 are over the age of 75, 65 are aged 65-75. Please give generously to this cause, and if possible, remember the Association in your Will. Thank you.

The annual Blessing of Graves at Rose Hill Cemetery will take place today, 2nd November, at 3.00 pm. Meet in the chapel there for prayers and then we shall bless the graves.

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. Raffle tickets are available after Mass, and please look at the donations board.

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. Please pray for those deceased priests and deacons who ministered in this city.

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

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.

Enquiries about the Catholic Faith: We shall re-start this Friday in the Parish Hall at Our Lady's, 4.30-5.15 pm. This week we shall discuss "I believe in the Holy Spirit". All welcome.

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. Next Sunday, 9th November, will be Remembrance Sunday. At the end of Mass we shall have a simple ceremony to pray for those who have died and for peace.

Mary's Meals. Alessandria, Catherine, and Robert, who were here last weekend, have asked me to pass on their thanks to you for your welcome and for your generous response to their appeal, which came to £280.06.

Tailpiece: A 5-year-old girl noticed that her parish priest always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his homily. One day she asked him why. "Well, my Dear," he began, "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon." "Oh," said she, much impressed. There was a pause and then she asked, "So why doesn't He do it?"

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