



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Remembrance Sunday

9th November, 2025

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Sunday, 9 th November Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Remembrance 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) 2.00 pm Baptism (3.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	<i>In Thanksgiving (Joshi Family)</i> <i>Private Intention</i> <i>Cecilia Michael</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i> <i>Clara Lewis</i> <i>Micah Osuetta</i> <i>Mr. M. E. Connolly (JA)</i>
Monday, 10 th November <i>Memorial of St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church</i>	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	<i>Dec'd White & Borthwick Families</i>
Tuesday, 11 th November <i>Memorial of St. Martin of Tours, Bishop</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's) (12.15 pm Mass at Corpus Christi)	<i>William McConnell (Intentions)</i> <i>Deceased Clergy of the North Oxford Deanery</i>
Wednesday, 12 th November <i>Memorial of St. Josaphat, Martyr</i>	No Public Mass Today	<i>Dan Ini'Adalah Dari Doa-Doapu</i>
Thursday, 13 th November	(9.30 am Requiem Mass at Our Lady's) (2.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	<i>May Cox</i> <i>Francis Gerard Reilly</i> <i>Francisca Fatima, Manuel Fatima Tilman, Maria Mendoca</i>
Friday, 14 th November	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	<i>Julia McCann</i>
Saturday, 15 th November <i>Op. Memorial of St. Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass (11.00 am Memorial Mass at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	<i>Patrick and Mary McGroarty</i> <i>Deceased Parishioners</i> <i>Sean Jennings Snr. (Anniversary)</i>
Sunday, 16 th November Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	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) (1.00 pm Marriage Service and Baptism at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Private Intention</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i> <i>Dec'd Lyons & Kennedy Families</i> <i>Fernando and Helena, Marisol Rodrigues</i> <i>Nossa Senhora de Fatima</i>
<i>Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm. (Also at Our Lady's on Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm.)</i>		

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	Rachel & Phil		Phil Doherty	Ghie & Rocelle
Next week	Chris & Edwin		Josh Peter	Jacqui Halliday

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: Frs. Michael O'Keefe, Laurence Smith, Thomas Stanislaus O'Connor and William Matthew Boyle, Srs. Lisetta Ferrari, Mary Mulhall, Mary Dooley and Teresa Shannon FMA, and also Winifred Rodney, Francis Cairns, Elizabeth Magan, Ryszard Kaniszewski, Patrick Lynch, John Perkins, Peggy Byrne, Sean Jennings, Sylvia Whaley, Antonio Gomes Figueira, Joseph Mgungwe, Frederick Gardner, Arthur Bayliss, Nan Ford and Kathleen Davies. 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 Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran. Today, the Church celebrates the dedication of the church of St. John Lateran in Rome. The building began in AD 315 and was originally dedicated to the Divine Saviour. It was consecrated in 324. After several destructive episodes, the basilica was rebuilt and dedicated to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Apostle. It is the Pope's cathedral church, the "Mother" church of Rome, and of all the world's churches.



Remembrance Sunday. At the end of Mass today we shall have a simple ceremony to pray for those who have died and for peace.

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.

Baptism. We welcome Clara Lewis into the family of the Church this afternoon through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for her and for her family.

Welcome. We also welcome Carlton Rose back to Sacred Heart and to Our Lady's. Carlton lives in Witney, and he was here a few years ago to speak about his Vocation as he began his training to become a Permanent Deacon. He will be with us most weekends until the end of December as part of his preparation for Ordination. It is a pleasure to welcome him back now as his training draws to an end.

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

Deanery Deceased Clergy Mass. This year the Mass for the Deceased Clergy will be at Corpus Christi, Headington, this Tuesday, 11th November, at 12.15 pm. If you cannot attend, please pray for the clergy who worked in this area.

Mission Appeal. Next weekend we welcome a priest from the Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers of Betharram to make an appeal to help their work.

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 today, 9th November. We shall go through the Itinerary, and Canon Mervyn will answer any questions.

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.

Tailpiece: A Priest was showing a guest around the church when they came to a board on the wall with a list of names on it. "What is this?" asked the visitor. "That," replied the Priest with great pride, "Is a list of Parishioners who died in the Services." "Good gracious!" replied the visitor. After some reflection he asked, "And what has been done to improve things now?"

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