



# Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

## *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1<sup>st</sup> February, 2026

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Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup> February <b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <i>Racial Justice Day</i>	(5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's) <b>7.45 am</b> 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>	Bernadette Edwards (Intentions)  Private Intention Comseeta Peter Pat Atherton (Intentions) Antonio Pereira
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> February <b>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</b> <i>World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's) <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	Justin Parker Michelle Ryan (Intentions)
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> February <i>Op. Mem. of St. Werburg, or St. Blaise, or St. Ansgar</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.30 am Good Shepherd Mass at Our Lady's)	Azad Joshi (Birthday)
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>No Public Mass Today</b>	The People of the Parish
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> February <i>Memorial of St. Agatha, Martyr</i>	<b>6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction</b> <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	Florence Murphy
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> February <i>Memorial of St. Paul Miki &amp; Companions</i> <i>First Friday of the Month</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	G. and N. Bolney Brown
Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> February	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>10.00 am Mass</b> <b>12.00 noon Baptism</b> (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Paul Dolton and William Bolton Chelsea Valentin da Conceicao Fatima Jong
Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> February <b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <i>Day for Victims of Human Trafficking</i>	<b>7.45 am</b> 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) (2.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	Private Intention Cecilia Michael Pauline Morrissey Jerome, Jesse and Jayden The People of the Parish
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm; and Saturday, 10.30 – 11.00 am (And also at Our Lady's, Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm)		

**Welcome to Sacred Heart Catholic Church today.**

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)*

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*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.*

	Readers (9.00 Mass)	Eucharistic Ministers		Flowers
<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Rocelle Galinda &amp; Jocelyn Esteban</b>	<b>Chris Donovan</b>	<b>Anne Marie Sonan</b>	<b>Ghie &amp; Rocelle</b>
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Daiva Silva &amp; Anyu Elizebeth</b>	<b>Philomena Doherty</b>	<b>Pawel Drozd</b>	<b>Jacqui Halliday</b>

**Prayers for the Sick.** Please pray for Bridie Barry, Sally McVeigh, Keith Dolton, Barry Holland, Rosalind Ingrams, Claudino Serra Vaz, Inna, Beatrice Upham, Eileen McGarry, Cheryl Jones, Josie Griffiths, Mary Cross, Nuala McNally, John Durkin, Tony Davis, Cathleen Kennedy, Jim Kennedy, Ella Dawson, Mary Barry, Mary Cairns, Lisa Birch, Julio Madeira Cabral Soares, John Hudgell, Mary Collins and all we know who are sick.

**Please pray for Sr. Esther Murphy FMA, Nicky Clarke, George (Seamus) Hannon, and Catherine Webb** who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Archbishop Frederick Keating, Mgr. Michael Williams, Frs. Denis Clancy, Joseph Connelly, Thomas O'Carroll, Deacon Patrick Flanagan, and also Patrick Tuttle, Sheila Evans, Christopher Graham, Carlos Da Costa, Speranza Mirto, Rose Margaret (Kath) Kavanagh, Philomena Surman, Dolores Connolly, Noreen Hayes, Anne Marie McCarthy, Norman Gurl, Maria Giduch, Luciano Giovanni Luigi Magnasco and Florrie Murphy. May they rest in peace.

**Remember: refreshments are available in the hall after the 9.00 am Mass on Sundays.**

**Enquiries about the Catholic Faith,** Friday, 4.30 pm, at Our Lady's in the Don Bosco Centre. This week's subject: "The Mass".

**Candlemas.** This Monday is the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple (Candlemas). The 7.00 pm Mass here at Sacred Heart will begin with a blessing of candles and a procession. There will also be Mass at Our Lady's at 9.15 am.

### Good Shepherd Mass



This Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 10.30 am, at Our Lady's Church, Bishop Richard will join about 240 children from Catholic schools in this area to celebrate the annual Good Shepherd Mass, organised by Fr. Hudson's Caritas and the Birmingham Education Services. All welcome.

**Fundraising ideas for 2026.** We should like to hear your ideas for events this year that would raise some money for the parish and also help to bring us together as a family. Please share your ideas with Jacqui or me.

**Bishop Richard's Visitation.** Bishop Richard will be coming to visit Our Lady's Parish and Sacred Heart Parish on the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> February. There will be a meeting in the hall here on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, at 4.30 pm. Please try to come to it if you possibly can.

**During Mass today,** Chris Breward, the acting chair of the Parish Finance Committee, will say a few words about how you can help with the parish finances.

**Eucharistic Ministers.** There has been a request for us at Sacred Heart to re-introduce Communion under Both Kinds (i.e. the Precious Blood as well as the Body of Christ) by Easter. That would be good, but to do that we shall need several more Ministers of Holy Communion. If you feel that God is calling you to serve in this way, please come and see me. I shall arrange a training day soon.

**First Holy Communion Lessons.** Parents, if your children are aged 8 or over they can receive their First Holy Communion next June. Please complete one of the registration forms in the porch and return it to me. There will be a meeting for parents at 4.00 pm on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, in the Don Bosco Centre at Our Lady's. Lessons will start there after half term at 3.30 pm on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> February.

**Ash Wednesday** is two weeks on Wednesday! If you have any old palms that you no longer want, please bring them in so that we can burn them to make our ashes.

**Altar Servers.** It would be lovely to have some new altar servers in time for the Bishop's visit. If you have made your First Holy Communion then you can be a server. If you would like to be a server, please let me know. We shall have a couple of training sessions here at Sacred Heart on Saturdays, starting this Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 11.00 am.

**Tailpiece:** Here's an old chestnut: "I don't want to go to church this morning," said a son to his mother one Sunday. "It's cold, the people don't like me, and the service is too long." "But son, you have to go," replied his mother. "You're the parish priest!"

**May God bless you and those who are dear to you.  
Fr. Harry**