



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th September, 2026

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Sunday, 27 th September Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day of Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Harvest</i>	<i>(5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)</i> 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(8.45 am Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 9.00 am Mass <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 6.00 pm Mass	Antionietta Aprea Private Intention Rolando Balbag John Batey Ermias Hill (5 th Birthday)
Monday, 28 th September <i>Op. Mem. of St. Wenceslaus or Ss. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions</i>	<i>(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer	Asha Gill
Tuesday, 29 th September Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer <i>(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	Mrs. Nan Mooney (15 th Anniversary)
Wednesday, 30 th September <i>Memorial of St. Jerome</i>	No Public Mass Today	Sydney White (Anniversary)
Thursday, 1 st October <i>Memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	1.30 pm Mass 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	The People of the Parish Eileen White (Intentions)
Friday, 2 nd October <i>Mem. of the Guardian Angels First Friday of the Month CAFOD Harvest Fast Day</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer <i>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	Sandra Cromey (Intentions)
Saturday, 3 rd October <i>Memorial of St. Thomas Cantilupe, Bishop</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass <i>(5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)</i>	Eileen McGroarty Nelia Madeira and Filomeno Martis
Sunday, 4 th October Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(8.45 am Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 9.00 am Mass <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 6.00 pm Mass	Private Intention Fernando Jose Pires and Filomeno Da Silva Maria and Rhea The People of the Parish

Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm, and Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am. (And at Our Lady's: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm.)

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church today, especially if you are new to the parish or visiting.

Harvest Thanksgiving. Today is a day of Thanksgiving for the Harvest. After the morning Mass we shall have a shared breakfast/lunch in the hall. Please bring something to share and enjoy.

Fr. Hudson's Caritas. At Masses today there will be a second collection for Fr. Hudson's. Please give as generously as you can to support their work. It is the social care agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham and relies on donations from parishes and schools. Today, the Church marks the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees and invites us to reflect on the dignity, needs, and hopes of migrant and refugee children and young people. Thank you.

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)

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	Eucharistic Ministers		Flowers
	9.00 am	9.00 am	6.00 pm	
This Sunday	Deirdre Wallace & Anyu Elizabeth	Rolly Esteban & Chris Donovan	Lilian Tatenda Mwawa & AN Other	Priya and Family
Next Sunday	Jocelyn Esteban & Kylla Abrigo	Philomena Doherty & Pat McGroarty	Anne Marie Sonan & Ercia Andrade	Ghie and Rocelle

Please pray for the sick, especially people we know: Bridie Barry, Claire French, Inna, Jean Carpenter, Terry Jackson, Mary Cross, Sheila Cuddy, Maggie Durkin, Tony Davis, John Hudgell, Pat Walsh, Doreen Teagle, Mary Barry, Mary Cairns, Lisa Birch, Rodolfo Melo De Sousa, Dantas Luis Galucho Rosa, Julio Madeira Cabral Soares, Thomas Durkin and Bogumila (Gina) Dybalski.

Please pray for Margaret Dalton, Baby Miracle and all those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries fall around this time: Mgr. Henry Farrelly, Frs. Edward Cotter, Laurence Daly, Denis Egan, William McGann, John Nightingale and John Danaher, Deacons Tony Colby and John Burrows, and also Robert Gharthey, Julia McCann, Maureen Connolly, Mary (Maureen) Heap, Bridget (Delia) Simmons, Nelly McLoughlin and John Doherty. May they rest in peace.

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

This Friday is CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. By fasting this Friday you can save some money, then you can bring that money to church next Sunday and put it in the second collection. Thank you.

Mass for the Sick, with the Sacrament of Anointing, here on Saturday, 17th October, at 1.00 pm. If you know of anyone who is sick and/or housebound who might like to attend if they are given help with transport, please tell them about it, and let me know about them.

New rotas available for readers, Eucharistic Ministers, church cleaners and flower arrangers. Thank you very much if you are a reader or a Eucharistic Minister, or if you clean the church or decorate it with flowers. These ministries are very precious for our community and help us in our worship of God. There are new rotas pinned on the notice board and you can also get copies from me. If you would like to join the teams who do these things, please come and see me.

"The Eucharistic Miracles of the World." From Tuesday, 6th October – Sunday, 11th October, 10.00 am – 5.00 pm, in the Don Bosco Centre at Our Lady's church, we shall have an exhibition, assembled by St. Carlo Acutis, to encourage devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Entry is free, and all are welcome. We need some volunteer welcomers (it's not strenuous – just show a friendly smile). If you can give an hour or two for this, please let me know.

Newman Night Walk, from Oxford to Littlemore, on Thursday, 8th October, commemorating the arrival of Bl. Dominic Barberi at the College in Littlemore on 8th October, 1845, and the anniversary of the reception of St. John Henry Newman into the Catholic Church. Starts at the Oratory, 25 Woodstock Road at 7.15 pm, with a candle light procession at 9.00 pm from 7 Courtland Rd, Rose Hill. There will be Exposition from 9.00 pm at Bl. Dominic's.

Deanery Visitation Feedback. As part of a visitation to the North Oxford Deanery, Bishop Richard came to our parish last February. On Tuesday, 6th October, Archbishop Bernard, Bishop Richard and Canon Jonathan Veasey (the Vicar General) will come for the Closing Meeting. It will be at Blessed Dominic Barberi Church, Littlemore, starting with Evening Prayer at 7.00 pm, followed by the feedback.

Sacred Heart Sponsored Walk, from Folly Bridge to Sandford Lock, on 3rd October, starting at 11.00 am. Sponsorship forms are available in the porch.

Parish Finance Committee meeting. The next meeting will be next Sunday, 4th October, 4.00 pm in the parish hall.

Tailpiece: "Father," said Joe one day, "There's something I don't understand in the Bible." "What's that, Joe?" asked the priest. "Well, according to the Bible, the Children of Israel were slaves in Egypt, right?" "Yes, that's right." "Then it says that the Children of Israel escaped and crossed the Red Sea, right?" "Right again." "And the Children of Israel built the Temple, right?" "Again, you're right." "And the Children of Israel were always doing things wrong, right?" "Exactly," agreed the priest. "So what is your question?" "Well, Father," said Joe. "What I want to know is, what were all the grown-ups doing?"

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