

Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th October, 2026

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Sunday, 18th October ***Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*** *World Mission Sunday*	*(5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 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**	*Asha Gill (Get Well)* *Private Intention* *Cecilia Michael* *Zegen Liam Rodrigues* *The People of the Parish*
Monday, 19th October *Memorial of St. Frideswide, Abbess, Patroness of the City and University of Oxford*	*(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)* *8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer*	*Nalini (Birthday)*
Tuesday, 20th October	*8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer* *(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)*	 *Pope Leo XIV (Get Well)*
Wednesday, 21st October	**No Public Mass Today**	*Shaheen Joshi (Birthday)*
Thursday, 22nd October *Op. Mem. of St. John Paul II, Pope*	*8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer* **6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction** **7.00 pm Mass**	*Alexander McVeigh*
Friday, 23rd October *Optional Memorial of St. John of Capistrano*	*8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer* *10.00 am Baptism at Our Lady's)* *(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)*	 *Grace Christina Fraga Pereira* *The Souls in Purgatory*
Saturday, 24th October *Optional Memorial of St. Anthony Mary Claret*	*8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer* **10.00 am Mass** *(1.00 pm Mass with the Anointing of the Sick at Our Lady's)* *(5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)*	 *Bernadette Nolan* *The Sick of the Parish* *Patrick Bailey*
Sunday, 25th October ***Thirtieth 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)* *(2.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's)* **6.00 pm Mass**	 *Private Intention* *Madalena's Intentions* *The People of the Parish* *Leonardo Solgiu* *Special Intention*
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm, and Saturday, 10.30 – 11.00 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.

World Mission Sunday. Today Pope Leo invites all Catholics to contribute to a special second collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. He has written this prayer to mark the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday:
Holy Father, make us one in Christ, rooted in his love that unites and renews. May all members of the Church be united in mission, docile to the Holy Spirit, courageous in bearing witness to the Gospel, proclaiming and embodying daily your faithful love for all creatures. Bless all missionary men and women, support them in their efforts, and watch over them in hope! Mary, Queen of Missions, accompany our work of evangelization in every corner of the earth: make us instruments of peace, and grant that the whole world may recognise in Christ the light that saves. Amen.

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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	Anyu Elizabeth & Daiva Silva	Josh Peter & Ercia Andrade	John Thomas & Eva Smithson	Jacqui Halliday
Next Sunday	Deirdre Wallace & Don	Philomena Doherty & Martin Simmons	Lilian Tatenda Mwawa & John Thomas	Jocqui Halliday

Please pray for the sick, especially people we know: Pope Leo XIV, 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 Joe and Charlie Healy, Gloria Katipunan, Rosamma Mathew, Ventura Isaias de Araujo Doyle Pacheco, Kathleen Motherway and all who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries fall this week: Frs. Aidan White-Spunner, Thomas Burbage and John Murray, Sr. Helen Carey FMA, and also Margaret Hodson, Johnny Evans, William (Bill) Barber, Marianna Slezak, George Sykes, Michael Grant, Mary Lillis, Bernadette Gavin, Alexander McVeigh, Joseph Patrick McGarry, Bernadette Nolan and Seamus Doherty. May they rest in peace.

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

Sacred Heart Christmas Bazaar. This year our annual parish bazaar will take place on Saturday, 5th December. Raffle tickets will be on sale after Mass today. Please take some to sell and bring the stubs and money back to Jacqui in good time before the bazaar. Please put the date in your diary, There is a list of raffle prizes in the porch.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. During the month we shall pray the Rosary during the Holy Hour before Mass on Thursdays, and the Legion of Mary will lead it after the 9.00 am Mass on Sundays.

The annual "Fr Ian Ker Memorial Lecture" will be held at The College in Littlemore on Sunday, 1st November, at 4:00 pm. Dr Marie Daouda, Lecturer at Oriel College Oxford, will speak on "Newman as Novelist". The event takes place on the first anniversary of St. John Henry Newman's proclamation as a Doctor of the Church. For more information contact the Sisters of The Work: littlemore@newman-friends.org Tel: 01865 779743.

Congratulations to Bishop Timothy Menezes, one of the assistant Bishops in this Diocese. It was announced this week that Bishop Timothy has been appointed as the new Bishop of Brentwood. Please pray for him and for everyone in his new Diocese.

Confirmations. Bishop Richard will be coming to Sacred Heart for Mass at 10.00 am on Saturday, 31st October, to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for all those who are preparing to receive this Sacrament.

Mass Intentions. The diary for Mass intentions for 2027 is now available. If you wish to arrange for a Mass to be said for your intentions, please see Joyce.

November is approaching, and it is the month when we traditionally pray for those who have died:

- **Mass for the Deceased Clergy of North Oxford Deanery.** Every year the clergy of North Oxford celebrate Mass together for their deceased brothers. You are welcome to join us to pray for your priests. Tuesday, 10th November, 12.30 pm, at Corpus Christi church, Headington.
- **Blessing of Graves at Rose Hill** on Sunday, 8th November. Meet at the cemetery Chapel at 3.00 pm.
- **November Prayers for the Dead.** Next week there will be memorial slips available to write the names of those for whom you wish to pray during November.
- **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, 7th November, 11.00 am. If you would like anyone's name to be included in this special commemoration, please let me know (in writing).
- **Remembrance Sunday.** Sunday, 8th November, will be Remembrance Sunday when we remember and pray for those who have died in past and present wars. We shall have a short service after each Mass to lay a wreath at the foot of the cross and pray for those who have died and for peace.



The clocks change next Saturday night/Sunday morning. Don't forget to get your extra hour in bed.

Tailpiece: A couple were in church one Sunday when the preacher noticed that the husband had fallen asleep. He said sharply to the wife, "Wake your husband up!" The wife replied, "You put him to sleep, Father; you wake him up!"

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

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