

Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th October, 2026

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Sunday, 25th October ***Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time***	*(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)* *(2.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's)* **6.00 pm Mass**	*Patrick Bailey* *Private Intention* *Madalena's Intentions* *The People of the Parish* *Leonardo Solgiu* *Special Intention*
Monday, 26th October *Op. Memorial of St. Cedd, Bishop*	*(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)* *8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer*	*Mgr. Vaughan Morgan (JA)*
Tuesday, 27th October	*8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer* *(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)*	 *Pennamma Stephen*
Wednesday, 28th October *Feast of St. Simon & St. Jude*	**No Public Mass Today**	*Alice Borthwick*
Thursday, 29th October	**6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction** **7.00 pm Mass**	 *Cosme Ximenes and Adelina Fatima Lemos*
Friday, 30th October	*8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer* *(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)*	 *Kitty Davies (Birthday)*
Saturday, 31st October	*8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer* **10.00 am Confirmation Mass** *(5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)*	 *Annamma Thomas* *R. K. Joshi and Mary Florence*
Sunday, 1st November ***Solemnity of All Saints***	***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**	 *Private Intention* *Carla's Intentions* *Katherine Raj (Anniversary)* *Kathleen Mullagh (100th Birthday)*
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm. *(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.

All Saints. Next Sunday is 1st November and that means we shall be celebrating the Solemnity of All Saints. The Commemoration of **All Souls** will be celebrated on Monday, 2nd November. There will be Mass at Our Lady's at 9.15 am.

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.

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	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers		Flowers
	9.00 am	9.00 am	6.00 pm	
This Sunday	Deirdre Wallace & Don	Philomena Doherty & Martin Simmons	Lilian Tatenda Mwawa & John Thomas	Jacqui Halliday
Next Sunday	Kylla Abrigo & Jocelyn Esteban	Chris Donovan & Pat McGroarty	Anne Marie Sonan & Kim Netto	Jocelyn Esteban

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 Kathleen Motherway and all those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries fall this week: Mgr. Graham Wilkinson, Frs. Edward Burbage, John Francis McGovern, Thomas Williams, John O'Dwyer, Patrick Sullivan, James Faulconer-Morgan, and also Elizabeth (Pat) Smith, Frances Aprea, Mary Harrington, Domenico Antonio Mirto, Margaret Dunne, Sean Bates, Patrick Hughes, Noreen Mason, Valentine Mason, William Durkin and Matthew (Mattie) Perks. 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.

Parish Accounts, 2025. I am grateful to Kylla, our parish treasurer, for preparing these details. Please see me if you have questions.

Parish income	2025
Offertories (inc £10,678.25 by gift aid)	£19,692
Rental income	£26,985
Donations (inc £65 by gift aid)	£ 1,694
Interest income	£ 1,399
Fundraising	£ 2,959
Repository/Newspapers/Votive Candles	£ 1,113
Tax refunds from gift aid	£ 4,157
Church Hall Rent	£ 9,004
Other collections for parish (eg Windows)*	£ 2,596
Total	**£69,599**

Parish expenses	2025
Church (Lit. Past/Property Costs/Utilities)	£16,413
House (Domestic/Property Costs)	£ 1,286
Clergy (Salary/Supply priests/Expenses)	£ 3,212
General (Office/Levies/Donations/ Repository/Newspapers/Votive candles)	£16,726
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Fundraising expenses	£ 330
Personnel/Wages	£12,248
Bank Charges	£ 174
Total	**£56,317**

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.

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

November begins next Sunday, 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 been killed and for peace.



Tailpiece: A Jesuit, a Dominican, and a Franciscan were out walking, talking together about religious matters, when suddenly a vision of the Holy Family appeared in front of them, with the Baby Jesus in the manger and Our Lady and St. Joseph praying over Him. The Franciscan fell on his knees, overcome with awe at the sight of God, born in such poverty. The Dominican likewise fell to his knees, adoring the beautiful reflection of the Holy Trinity in the Holy Family. The Jesuit walked up to St. Joseph, put his arm around his shoulder, and said, "So, have you thought about where you are going to send Him to school?"

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