

# Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

## *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### *4<sup>th</sup> October, 2026*

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| Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> October<br><b><i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b>                                                    | (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)<br><b>7.45 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer<br>(8.45 am Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's)<br><b>9.00 am Mass</b><br><br>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)<br>(2.00 pm Baptisms at Our Lady's)<br><b>6.00 pm Mass</b> | Nelia Madeira & Filomeno Martis<br><br>Private Intention<br>Fernando Jose Pires and Filomeno Da Silva<br>Maria and Rhea<br>Ali and Lily<br>The People of the Parish |
| Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> October<br>Optional Memorial of<br>St. Faustina Kowalska                                                           | (7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)<br>8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer<br>(1.30 pm Mass in St. John Fisher School)                                                                                                                                               | Pawan (Birthday)<br><br>Thanksgiving                                                                                                                                |
| Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> October<br>Optional Memorial of St. Bruno                                                                         | <b>No Public Mass Today</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Kathy McGurn (80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)                                                                                                                            |
| Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> October<br>Mem. of Our Lady of the Rosary                                                                       | <b>No Public Mass Today</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Maryanne Borthwick (Birthday)                                                                                                                                       |
| Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> October                                                                                                          | 8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer<br><b>6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction</b><br><b>7.00 pm Mass</b>                                                                                                                                                       | Michael White RIP                                                                                                                                                   |
| Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> October<br><b>Feast of St. John Henry Newman, Priest</b>                                                           | 8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer<br>(9.15 am Mass in Our Lady's School)<br>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)                                                                                                                                                    | The new school year<br>Peter Fruhwirth                                                                                                                              |
| Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> October<br>Optional Memorial of<br>St. Paulinus of York,<br>or St. Denis and Companions,<br>or St John Lenoardi | 8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer<br><b>10.00 am Mass</b><br>(5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)                                                                                                                                                  | Maria Fatima Sequeira<br>Anne-Marie Lyons (Anniversary)                                                                                                             |
| Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> October<br><b><i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b>                                                    | <b>7.45 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer<br>(8.45 am Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's)<br><b>9.00 am Mass</b><br>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)<br><b>6.00 pm Mass</b>                                                                                          | Private Intention<br>Maria Liu<br>Andrew Miracle Araujo D'Jesus<br>Martin McDonagh                                                                                  |
| 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.**

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)*

**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.

*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                 |
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|                    | 9.00 am                                   | 9.00 am                                      | 6.00 pm                                     |                         |
| <b>This Sunday</b> | <b>Jocelyn Esteban &amp; Kylla Abrigo</b> | <b>Philomena Doherty &amp; Pat McGroarty</b> | <b>Anne Marie Sonan &amp; Ercia Andrade</b> | <b>Ghie and Rocelle</b> |
| <b>Next Sunday</b> | <b>Priya Chacka &amp; Blossom</b>         | <b>Chris Donovan &amp; Rolly Esteban</b>     | <b>Pawel Drozd &amp; Kim Netto</b>          | <b>Ghie and Rocelle</b> |

**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.

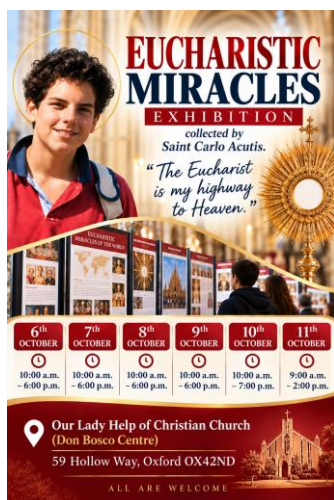
**Please pray for Gloria Katipunan** and all those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries fall this week: Canon Anthony (Tony) Piercy, Frs. John Bullen, Philip Casey, John Fitzpatrick, Thomas Power and Deacon Patrick Selwood, and also Teresa (Ann) Spencer, Mary Cromey, Pearl Jenkins, Noleen Bernadette Keenan, Mary Catherine Murphy, Giuseppe Bonassisa, Richard Hansen and Catherine Doherty. May they rest in peace.

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

**CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day.** Last Friday we were asked to give up some food and give the money that we saved to help CAFOD to work with people across the world. 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. You can put your offerings in today's second collection. Thank you.

**Deanery Visitation Feedback.** As part of a visitation to the North Oxford Deanery, Bishop Richard came to our parish last February. On Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Mass for the Sick**, with the Sacrament of Anointing, here on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



**"The Eucharistic Miracles of the World."** From Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October – Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 10.00 am – 6.00 pm (9.00-2.00 on Sunday), in the Don Bosco Centre at Our Lady's, Cowley, we shall have an exhibition of posters about Eucharistic miracles around the world, assembled by St. Carlo Acutis to encourage devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Entry free. All welcome.

**November Mass for the Dead** – for our relations and friends who have died, especially those who have died during the last twelve months, 11.00 am, Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> November. Please let me know in writing if you would like anyone's name to be included among those who have died during the last year.

**Newman Night Walk**, from Oxford to Littlemore, on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> October, commemorating the arrival of Bl. Dominic Barberi at Littlemore on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1845, and the reception of St. John Henry Newman into the Catholic Church. Starts at the Oratory, 25 Woodstock Road at 7.15 pm, with a candlelight procession at 9.00 pm from 7 Courtland Rd, Rose Hill. Exposition from 9.00 pm at Bl. Dominic Barberi Church.

**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. There are new rotas pinned on the notice board and you can also get copies from me.

**Mission Appeal.** Next weekend, Sr. Mary Sebastian Ogwuikwe, from the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ, will be visiting us and will tell us about the work of the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales to support the poor and marginalised. They work in different countries of the world serving the homeless, destitute, vulnerable children and adults, refugees, widows and elderly people.

**Tailpiece:** Two men, Fred and Luke, were standing at the side of a road, waving a sign to each passing car that said, "The End is Nigh! Turn around before it's too late!" One driver shouted at them as he went past, "Why don't you religious nuts just leave the rest of us alone?" Next thing there was a great big splash! Fred looked at Luke and said, "Do you think it might be better if our sign just said 'The bridge is broken'?"

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