



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th October, 2026

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Sunday, 11 th October Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Prisoners' Sunday</i>	(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	Anne-Marie Lyons (Anniversary) Private Intention Maria Liu Andrew Miracle Araujo D'Jesus Martin McDonagh
Monday, 12 th October <i>Optional Memorial of St. Wilfrid, Bishop</i>	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer	Special Intention (Naomi)
Tuesday, 13 th October <i>Optional Memorial of St. Edward the Confessor</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	John White
Wednesday, 14 th October <i>Op. Mem. of St. Callistus I, Pope</i>	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish
Thursday, 15 th October <i>Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus, Doctor of the Church</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	The Wanja Family (Intentions)
Friday, 16 th October <i>Optional Memorials of St. Hedwig, or St. Margaret Mary Alacoque</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Tommy Gildea (Anniversary)
Saturday, 17 th October <i>Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Martyr</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass 1.00 pm Mass with the Anointing of the Sick (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Nossa Senhora De Fatima The Sick of the Parish Asha Gill (Get Well)
Sunday, 18 th October Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>World Mission Day</i>	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 Cecilia Michael Zegen Liam Rodrigues The People of the Parish
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.

Mission Appeal. This weekend, we welcome Sr. Mary Sebastian Ogwuiké, from the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ. She 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. The second collection this weekend will be to support their work.

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.

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	Priya Chacka & Blossom	Chris Donovan & Rolly Esteban	Pawel Drozd & Kim Netto	Ghie and Rocelle
Next Sunday	Anyu Elizabeth & Daiva Silva	Josh Peter & Ercia Andrade	John Thomas & Eva Smithson	Jacqui Halliday

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 Joe and Charlie Healy, Gloria Katipunan and all those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries fall this week: Bishop Michael Glancy, Canon William Withers, Mgr. Paul Joseph Watson, Frs. Terence Whatmore and Seamus Gilroy, Deacon Louis Kelly, and also Patrick O'Connell, Kathleen Parker, Tommy Gildea and Patricia Ann Olive Ashley-Morgan. May they rest in peace.

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



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.

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, and if you can donate a prize for the raffle please check the list in the porch.

"The Eucharistic Miracles of the World." This is an exhibition of posters about Eucharistic miracles around the world, assembled by St. Carlo Acutis to encourage devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. It is being held in the Don Bosco Centre at Our Lady's, Cowley. Today is the last chance to visit because it closes at 2.00 this afternoon. Entry free. All welcome to come and reflect on the Real Presence of Jesus in Holy Communion..

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, 7th 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.

Prisoners' Sunday. Today we remember prisoners and their families at Mass. Prisons are in crisis, and life for prisoners and their families in our communities is challenging. PACT is the national Catholic prison charity, supports prisoners, their families and their children, offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around. We pray for them today.

World Mission Sunday. Next Sunday is a day when we remember the work of our brothers and sisters to spread the Gospel around the world. There will be a second collection at Masses for Missio, the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission.

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.

Tailpiece: A dietitian was giving a lecture: "The material we eat is not good for us. Red meat is awful. Soft drinks erode your stomach lining. Take-away food is loaded with monosodium glutamates. Vegetables can be disastrous, and none of us realizes the long-term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water. But there is one thing that is most dangerous of all and we all have, or will have, eaten it. Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?" An elderly man in the front row stood up and said, "Wedding cake".

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