

Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Solemnity of All Saints

1st November, 2026

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Sunday, 1st November ***Solemnity of All Saints***	*(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**	*R. K. Joshi and Mary Florence* *Private Intention* *Carla's Intentions* *Katherine Raj (Anniversary)* *Kathleen Mullagh (100th Birthday)*
Monday, 2nd November *Commemoration of All Souls*	*8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer* *(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)* **6.00 pm Mass**	 *Mary Florence (Anniversary)* *Felix Saulong*
Tuesday, 3rd November *Op. Mem. of St. Martin de Porres, or of St. Winifride*	**No Public Mass Today**	*Bernadette Edwards (Birthday)*
Wednesday, 4th November *Mem. of St. Charles Borromeo*	**No Public Mass Today**	*The People of the Parish*
Thursday, 5th November	*8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer* **6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction** **7.00 pm Mass**	 *Miguel Frayna (Birthday)*
Friday, 6th November *First Friday*	*8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer* *(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)*	 *Sr. Breda (Birthday)*
Saturday, 7th November *Op. Memorial of St. Willibrord*	*8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer* **10.00 am Parish Memorial Mass** *(5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)*	 *Deceased Parishioners* *Ellen Gaughan*
Sunday, 8th November ***Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time*** *Remembrance Sunday*	***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* *Patricia Cuddy* *The People of the Parish*
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. Today, 1st November, is the Solemnity of All Saints, those unknown saints who are now in heaven. The Church reminds us that holiness is a calling given to us all. Through the Communion of Saints we can help one another.

The Commemoration of **All Souls** will be celebrated tomorrow, Monday, 2nd November. There will be Mass at Our Lady's at 9.15 am and here at Sacred Heart at 6.00 pm.

Congratulations to the 18 people who were Confirmed here yesterday. May God bless them and their families. And welcome to Lekan Agbale who was also received into full communion with the Catholic Church this weekend. He was confirmed by Bishop Richard and received his first Holy Communion.

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)

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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	Kylla Abrigo & Jocelyn Esteban	Chris Donovan & Pat McGroarty	Anne Marie Sonan & Kim Netto	Jocelyn Esteban
Next Sunday	Blossom & Anyu Elizabeth	Rolly Esteban & Ercia Andrade	Pawel Drozdz & Rolly Esteban	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, Jack McNaney and Bogumila (Gina) Dybalski.

Please pray for those who have died recently, or whose anniversaries fall this week: Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville, Bishop John Barrett, Canons Denis Toplass, Patrick Smith, Eugene O'Sullivan and John Redford, Mgr. Bertram Gould, Frs. Henry Taylor, Louis Moore, James Curtin, Aengus Donlon, John Brisland and Ian Ker, Deacon Paul Grosvenor, and also Katherine Raj, Mary Winter, Mary Florence, James Thompson, Kevin Hosey and Cora Proctor. 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.

There is a Second Collection today for the Johnson Clergy Association (Birmingham) CIO which has supported priests for over 315 years. Priests who are sick, infirm or retired often depend on the support of the Association. Please help to care for those who have cared for you. And please pray for the work of the Association.

The annual "Fr Ian Ker Memorial Lecture" will be held at The College in Littlemore today, 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.

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, Headington.

Blessing of Graves at Rose Hill next 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, this Saturday, 7th November, **10.00 am.** If you would like anyone's name to be included in this special commemoration, please let me know (in writing).

Remembrance Sunday. Next Sunday, 8th November, will be Remembrance Sunday when we remember and pray for those who have died in wars. We shall have a short service after Mass to lay a wreath at the foot of the cross and pray for the dead and for peace.



First Friday. This Friday is the first of the month and we shall say the Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart before Mass on Thursday evening.



Christmas Craft Classes. Starting next Sunday at Our Lady's, after the 11.00 am Mass, there will be a series of craft classes to learn how to make your own Christmas decorations. To book a place in any class, please fill in the sign-up sheet on the table at the back of church.

Tailpiece: A man went to see his parish priest. "Father," he said, "I know tomorrow is Sunday, but we're doing some heavy house-cleaning at home, and my wife wants me to help with the attic and the garage, moving and hauling stuff. It means I won't be able to come to Mass." "I'm sorry, John," the priest replied, "But that's not good enough. Missing Mass on Sunday is not an option." "Thank you, Father," said John. "I knew I could count on you!"

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

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