

Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
Remembrance Sunday
8th November, 2026

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Sunday, 8th November ***Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time*** *Remembrance 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**	*Ellen Gaughan* *Private Intention* *Cecilia Michael* *Patricia Cuddy* *The People of the Parish*
Monday, 9th November ***Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica***	*(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)* *8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer*	*Paul Agapito Gama, Jose Gama and Violeta Gama*
Tuesday, 10th November *Memorial of St. Leo the Great*	*8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer* *(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)* *(12.15 pm Mass at Corpus Christi, Headington)*	 *Stephen CC* *Deceased Clergy of North Oxford*
Wednesday, 11th November *Memorial of St. Martin of Tours*	**No Public Mass Today**	*May Kimberley (JA)*
Thursday, 12th November *Memorial of St. Josaphat, Martyr*	*8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer* **6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction** **7.00 pm Mass**	 *Private Intention (Dec'd Family)*
Friday, 13th November	*8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer* *(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)*	 *Sandra Cromey (Thanksgiving)*
Saturday, 14th November	*8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer* *(11.00 am Memorial Mass at Our Lady's)* *(5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)*	 *Deceased Parishioners* *Sean Jennings Snr. (13th Anniv.)*
Sunday, 15th November ***Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time*** *World Day of the Poor*	***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* *Patrick and Mary Jane McGroarty* *Antonio Gomes (4th Anniversary)* *Fernando Neves Liu, Luzia Pereira Lobato and Family*
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.

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	Blossom & Anyu Elizabeth	Rolly Esteban & Ercia Andrade	Pawel Drozdz & Rolly Esteban	Jocelyn Esteban
Next Sunday	Don & Priya Chacka	Josh Peter & Philomena Doherty	Eva Smithson & Constantine Renato	Claire Fermin

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, Bernadette Samworth, Barry Holland, Joviniana de Araujo Vicente and Bogumila (Gina) Dybalski.

Please pray for those who have died recently, or whose anniversaries fall this week: Frs. Francis Dawson, Derek Edwards, Michael O'Keefe and Petroc Howell, Deacon John Burton, Sr. Lisetta Ferrari FMA, and also Winifred Rodney, Francis Cairns, Elizabeth Magan, Ryszard Kaniszewski, Patrick Lynch, John Perkins, Joseph Mgungwe, Frederick Gardner and Arthur Bayliss. 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.

Youth Sunday – The Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, 22nd November. On the final Sunday in the Church's Year we celebrate the presence of young people in our community. There will be a Bring and Share party after the 9.00 am Mass to help with this.

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. This Tuesday, 10th November, 12.15 pm, at Corpus Christi church, Headington.

November Prayers for the Dead. There are slips available to write the names of those for whom you wish to pray. Place the slips in the basket in front of the altar.

Remembrance Sunday. Today, 8th November, is Remembrance Sunday. We remember and pray for those who have died in wars, past and present. We shall have a short service after Holy Communion to lay a wreath at the foot of the cross and pray for the dead and for peace.



CAFOD World Gifts: Love your neighbour this Christmas. This Christmas, share the joy of Christmas with a CAFOD World Gift – from safe water to school meals! I meaningful way to bless loved ones while putting your faith into action in solidarity with families around the world. Collect a catalogue from the church porch or call 0300 777 0030.

Blessing of Graves (1) at Rose Hill cemetery this afternoon, Sunday, 8th November. Meet at the cemetery Chapel at 3.00 pm., and (2) at Headington cemetery on Saturday, 14th November, at 11.30 am.



Christmas Craft Classes. Starting this weekend after the 11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's, there will be a series of craft classes to learn how to make your own original Christmas decorations. Today it is "Plaster Christmas House Decoration (painting)", cost £5.00. To book a place in any future class, please fill in the sign-up sheet on the table at the back of church.

Christmas Carol Concert.



On Friday, 11th December, at 6.00 pm we are planning a community concert at Our Lady's, involving Our Lady's School, St. John Fisher School and Greyfriars School, as well as the parishes of Our Lady's and Sacred Heart. We shall be singing some of our favourite Advent and Christmas carols. It will be an exciting and enjoyable evening for all. Please put the date in your diaries.

Tailpiece: I was thinking what popular songs might have been sung by characters in the Bible. Here are a few, and I would love to hear your further suggestions:

Noah: "Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head"
Adam: "Take My Hand, I'm A Stranger In Paradise"
Salome: "I Could Have Danced All Night"
Samson: "Why, Why, Why, Delilah?"
Daniel: "The Lion Sleeps Tonight"
Jonah: "Got A Whale Of A Tale To Tell"
Methuselah: "Stayin' Alive"

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

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