

Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

15th November, 2026

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Sunday, 15th November ***Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time*** *World Day of the Poor*	*(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**	*Sean Jennings Snr. (13th Anniv.)* *Private Intention* *Patrick and Mary Jane McGroarty* *Antonio Gomes (4th Anniversary)* *Fernando Neves Liu, Luzia Pereira Lobato and Family*
Monday, 16th November *Optional Memorials of St. Edmund of Abingdon, or of St. Margaret of Scotland, or of St. Gertrude*	*(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)* *8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer*	*Keith (Fredek) Reading (1st Anniv.)*
Tuesday, 17th November *Op. Mems of St. Hilda, or of St. Hugh of Lincoln, or of St. Elizabeth of Hungary*	*8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer* *(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)*	*Marjorie Chungtuyco (11th Anniv.)*
Wednesday, 18th November *Optional Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles*	**No Public Mass Today**	*The People of the Parish*
Thursday, 19th November	**6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction** **7.00 pm Mass**	*The Holy Souls*
Friday, 20th November	*8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer* *(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)*	*Dec'd Members of the Legion of Mary*
Saturday, 21st November *Memorial of the Presentation of Our Lady*	*8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer* **10.00 am Mass** *(1.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's)* *(5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)*	*Brendan McNally* *Aoife Williams* *Dec'd Lyons and Kennedy families*
Sunday, 22nd November ***Solemnity of Christ the King*** *National Youth 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* *Michael Cullen (Anniversary)* *Ramona Yazbek (1st Anniversary)* *Pedro Goncalves, Margarida Turquel de Jesus and Family*
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm. and Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 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)

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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	Don & Priya Chacka	Josh Peter & Philomena Doherty	Eva Smithson & Constantine Renato	Claire Fermin
Next Sunday	Deirdre Wallace & Rocelle Galinda	Martin Simmons & Chris Donovan	Lilian Tatenda Mwawa & John Thomas	Claire Fermin

Please pray for the sick, especially people we know: Bridie Barry, Claire French, Inna, Jean Carpenter, 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 Kathleen Duffy and for all who have died recently, or those whose anniversaries fall this week: Archbishop John McIntyre, Canon Philip Coyne, Frs. Laurence Smith, Thomas Stanislaus O'Connor, William Boyle, Joseph Ryan, James O'Sullivan, Raymund Jones, Bernard Boulton, Sean Turley and Gerry Jackson, Srs. Mary Mulhall, Mary Dooley, Teresa Shannon Margaret Renshaw, Kathleen Jones and Mary Cairns FMA, and also Peggy Byrne, Sean Jennings Snr., Sylvia Whaley, Antonio Gomes Goncalves Figueira, Marjorie Chungtuyco, Keith (Fredek) Reading, Roger Afford, Grace Gingell, Nan Ford, Kathleen Davies, Patricia Mary King, Bernard Teeling and Brendan McNally. 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 by Sunday, 29th November.

Youth Sunday – The Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, 22nd November. Next Sunday, 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. There will be a second collection during Mass for the Catholic Youth Services.

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.

Red Wednesday. This year marks the 10th year of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Red Wednesday appeal. On 18th November we are asked by ACN to pray and to wear something red to show solidarity with persecuted Christians around the world. To donate money to the appeal, go to www.acnuk.org/redwednesday

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! A way to bless loved ones while putting your faith into action in solidarity with families around the world. Get a catalogue from the porch or call 0300 777 0030.

Carol Singing in Cornmarket, City Centre, on Saturday, 5th December, 12.00 noon till 1.30 pm. Everyone Welcome! Jesus is the reason for this Christmas season. Please contact Eva on evasmithson1112@gmail.com for more details. Thank you.

Today is Safeguarding Sunday, an annual awareness campaign. The Archbishop has written to thank all Parish Safeguarding Representatives and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team for promoting effective safeguarding throughout the Archdiocese of Birmingham, and he asks us all to remember this important work in our prayers. "May our prayer and practical commitment help us to build a Church in which everyone is treated with dignity and respect, and in which the protection of children and adults at risk remains an essential expression of our Christian discipleship."

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: The power of prayer. A new sacristan couldn't remember the combination of the safe, so he went to the priest for help. The priest came into the sacristy and began to turn the dial. After the first two numbers he paused and stared blankly for a moment. Finally, he looked heavenward and his lips moved silently. Then he looked back at the lock, turned the final numbers, and opened the lock. The sacristan was amazed, but the priest just smiled and went back to his work. It was only later that the sacristan noticed the piece of tape on the ceiling with numbers on it.

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

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