

Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Solemnity of Christ the King

22nd November, 2026

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Sunday, 22nd November ***Solemnity of Christ the King*** *National Youth 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**	*Dec'd Lyons and Kennedy families* *Private Intention* *Michael Cullen (Anniversary)* *Ramona Yazbek (1st Anniversary)* *Pedro Goncalves, Margarida Turquel de Jesus and Family*
Monday, 23rd November *Op. Mems of St. Clement I, or St. Columban*	*(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)* *8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer*	*All Souls*
Tuesday, 24th November *Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Comps.*	*8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer* *(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)*	*Ethna and Al (Intentions)*
Wednesday, 25th November *Optional Memorial of St. Catherine of Alexandria*	**No Public Mass Today**	*The People of the Parish*
Thursday, 26th November	**6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction** **7.00 pm Mass**	*Mary and Edward Murphy*
Friday, 27th November	*8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer* *(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)*	*The Souls in Purgatory*
Saturday, 28th November	*8.00 am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer* **10.00 am Mass** *(5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)*	*Adrian Gaughan* *Annamma Kurian*
Sunday, 29th November ***First Sunday of Advent***	***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* *Deon Peter (Birthday)* *Helen Towey (Birthday)* *Novenia Soares*
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.

Solemnity of Christ the King. Today is the last Sunday of the Church's year and it brings to a climax the whole of the message of our salvation in Jesus by acknowledging Him as our Lord and King in every aspect of our life. It is especially a Day of Prayer for Young People. There will be a second collection for the Catholic Youth Services.

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	Deirdre Wallace & Rocelle Galinda	Martin Simmons & Chris Donovan	Lilian Tatenda Mwawa & John Thomas	Claire Fermin
Next Sunday	Daiva Silva & Blossom	Pat McGroarty & Rolly Esteban	Ercia Andrade & Kim Netto	N/A

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 those who have died recently, and also for those whose anniversaries fall this week: Canon Augustine Emery, Frs. David Higham, Michael Connolly and Edward Neary, Deacon Pat Linthwaite, Sr. Mary Cairns FMA, and Denis Fitzgibbon, Valerie Mostopher, Francis (Frank) Piggott, Josephine McMahon, Anne Josephine Mullagh, Clare Curtis, Michael Cullen, Simeon Onyeahilan, Mary Murphy and Genista Purcell. 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., 2.00-4.00 pm in the parish hall. There will be various stalls and all the regular attractions. Raffle tickets will be on sale after Mass today. Please take some to sell and bring the stubs and money back to Jacqui by next Sunday, 29th November.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Christmas Craft Classes. Why not come to a series of craft classes at Our Lady's and learn how to make your own Christmas decorations? See the notice board for more details.

Christmas Market at Our Lady's



This Saturday, 28th November, 2.00 – 7.00 pm, and Sunday, 29th November, 8.30 am – 2.00 pm we shall be holding a Christmas Market in the Don Bosco Centre. There will be various stalls and games. We need prizes for a tombola stall. If you can donate anything please bring it to the sacristy. Thank you.

Tailpiece: A young priest was supposed to hold a burial service at a cemetery for a homeless man with no family or friends. Not knowing where the cemetery was, he made several wrong turns and got lost. When he eventually arrived an hour late, the hearse was nowhere in sight and the workmen were sitting under a tree, eating lunch. He went to the open hole and found the vault lid already in place. Feeling guilty, he preached an impassioned and lengthy service, sending the deceased to the Great Beyond in style. As he returned to his car, he overheard one workman say to the other, "Well, I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years and I ain't never seen anything like that."

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