



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

15th November, 2020

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Sunday, 15 th November Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>World Day of the Poor</i>	9.00 am (<i>Zoom live</i>)	<i>Patrick and Mary McGroarty</i>
Monday, 16 th November <i>Op. Mem. of St. Edmund of Abingdon, or St. Margaret of Scotland, or St. Gertrude</i>	No Public Mass Today	
Tuesday, 17 th November <i>Op. Mem. of St. Hilda, or St. Hugh of Lincoln, or St. Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	No Public Mass Today	
Wednesday, 18 th November <i>Op. Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles</i>	No Public Mass Today	
Thursday, 19 th November	7.00 pm Mass (<i>Zoom live</i>)	<i>The People of the Parish</i>
Friday, 20 th November	No Public Mass Today	
Saturday, 21 st November <i>Memorial of the Presentation of Our Lady</i>	No Public Mass Today	
Sunday, 22 nd November Solemnity of Christ the King	9.00 am (<i>Zoom live</i>)	<i>Michael Cullen - RIP Anniversary</i>

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church on the World Day of Prayer for the Poor.

We cannot be together physically, but I shall broadcast the Sunday 9.00 am Mass and the Thursday 7.00 pm Mass on YouTube. Please join me if you can. Furthermore, each day, at 6.00 in the evening, please pause and pray for the people that you normally would see at Mass on Sundays. That way we can be united in prayer.

Please pray for Madrine Naijuma Ssenjombwe, Kathleen Hill, Fr. Thomas Williams who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including Archbishop John McIntyre, Canons Joseph Dunne, Philip Coyne, Frs. Laurence Smith, Thomas Stanislaus O'Connor, William Matthew Boyle, Joseph Ryan, James O'Sullivan, Raymond Jones, Bernard Boulton, Thomas Havekin, Francis Lockett, Gerry Jackson, and Nan Ford, Kathleen Davies, Bernard Teeling and Brendan McNally. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace. We pray especially for John and Salome and their family at this time, and we offer them our sympathy and support.

Please pray for those we know who are sick. If you or family members are ill and you would like to ask for prayers on this newsletter, let me know (in writing, please). Thank you.

Statement On Vaccination. A statement from the Bishops' Conference has been published. The key points are:

1. A vaccination against Covid-19 is, in principle, a social good to protect people from harm.
2. We urge the Government to develop an ethically sourced vaccine as an alternative to one derived from foetal cell lines.
3. The Government assures us that new foetal cell lines are not being used in the development of a Covid-19 vaccine.
4. The Church teaches that for grave reasons a vaccine developed from cell lines taken from human tissue taken from aborted foetuses in the past may be used in good conscience.
5. Individuals must educate their conscience in the teaching of the Church and make their own judgement about whether to accept a Covid-19 vaccine.
6. There must be fair access for all people to the vaccine.
7. The vaccine must be safe and effective to use.

If you have any queries regarding this statement, please contact Stephanie MacGillivray at the Bishops' Conference Secretariat (Stephanie.MacGillivray@CBCEW.Org.uk)

“And I am right. And you are right. And all is right – too-loo-ral-lay!” Are you all right? As we found last time around, a period of lockdown can be very difficult, especially if you are on your own. Please do call me if you want to have a chat, or if you would like me to say a prayer with you over the 'phone.

The Sunday obligation to attend Mass has, of course, been lifted for the time being. Nevertheless, you can still join in by watching a live Mass via the wonders of modern technology. Live streaming of the Mass each day is available at: <http://www.stanthonyofpadua.org.uk/>; <https://corpuschristiheadington.co.uk> <https://greyfriarsoxford.weebly.com>. Here is a prayer, an Act of Spiritual Communion, which you can say as you watch a Livestream Mass:

“My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.”

**Family Prayers
National Youth Sunday 2020**

For togetherness:

Father, all praise and glory to you who knit us together in love. Cradle all of creation in your arms, bringing a true unity among us and a shared hope in your kingdom. May our billions of hearts seek nothing but love, showing endless compassion to each other and sharing always in true honesty. Amen

For the pope:

Father, you blessed us so greatly by electing Pope Francis as first servant of Christ. We earnestly implore you to look on him with dear and loving eyes, answering his prayers fervently, holding his hand through every step of his papacy and granting him all wisdom through the Holy Spirit. Help us to wait with great anticipation on his every word and follow his guidance for the Church. Amen

For family:

Father, thank you for the gift of family, where love is first fostered and hope encouraged. Please bring us to greater unity, to greater love, to greater understanding of each other, to greater selflessness, to greater faith and to greater glorify you. Through the intercession of the Holy Family we pray. Amen

For the future:

Father, you are everything and we want nothing other than to serve you. Help us to place our lives in your comforting hands and with all confidence take the next step out into the unknown. We do not know what the future holds, we do not need to, you know and that is all that matters. Help us to humbly accept your will and hold it always in our hearts. Amen

For each other:

Father, we pray for all those around us, for those who perhaps can hear this prayer, for those who, although further from us, are still close in our hearts, for those who do not know we love them, for those who do not love us and for those we might have forgotten. We thank you for them, their lives and their hopes. Be ever close to them, holding your hand out to stop them from falling and keeping their lives on your most holy path. Amen

For Coronavirus:

Father, if it be your most loving will then we pray that there may be a swift end to the Coronavirus. We pray for those affected directly by the virus, for those who have been financially hit by lockdown, for those whose lives have been disrupted and for anyone whom it has caused suffering. May you accompany them through this time and help them to focus their eyes solely on your Son, Jesus. Amen

For thanksgiving:

Father, the world and life you have gifted us are more than we could ever deserve. The radiant beauty of everything you have created is beyond comprehension, and it is an honour to behold. For all this we must earnestly thank you. Help us to always be thankful, as we walk the path you have set before us and as we live in your world. Amen

Prayer at the end of Mass:

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! *Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

National Youth Sunday. Next Sunday we celebrate the young people in our parish and all the gifts and talents they share with us. The theme for this year's NYS is 'Together'. Normally on NYS, young people would be involved in the Liturgy. Whilst the Parish Community can't be together physically, we are united in prayer. I encourage you to come together as a family if you possibly can next Sunday and pray these suggested prayers. Follow @NationalYouthSunday or go to: www.nationalyouthsunday.com.

Job Opportunity. The Archdiocese of Birmingham is seeking to appoint a new Chief Operating Officer. The COO is responsible for the lay workforce, and the financial and property resources of the Catholic Church in the Diocese. Please ask me if you would like to have further details.

Parish Memorial Mass for those in the parish and our family/friends who have died. Next Saturday, 28th November, at 11.00 am. I hope to livestream the Mass. If you would like anyone's name to be included specifically at this Mass, please let me know.

November Prayers for the Dead. The names of those for whom you wish to pray during November are in the basket under the altar and they will be remembered at Mass during the month. You can still add names if you wish; just post them to me or pop them through the door.

Tailpiece: During Mass one Sunday a lady was fumbling in her bag for her offering when a TV remote control fell out. The curious usher bent over to pick it up and whispered, "Do you always carry your TV remote to church?" "No," she replied, "but my husband refused to come with me this evening, and I thought this was the worst thing I could do to him legally."

**May God bless you and all those whom you love,
and keep you safe.
Fr. Harry.**