



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th October, 2021

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Sunday, 17 th October Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass 6.00 pm Mass	Cecilia Michael – RIP John PM RIP
Monday, 18 th October <i>Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Holy Souls (MD)
Tuesday, 19 th October <i>Memorial of St. Frideswide, Abbess, Patron of Oxford</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Nalini (Birthday)
Wednesday, 20 th October	No Public Mass Today	Shaheen Joshi (Birthday)
Thursday, 21 st October	6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Alexander McVeigh
Friday, 22 nd October <i>Op. Mem. of St. John Paul II, Pope</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Josephine McMahon
Saturday, 23 rd October <i>Op. Mem. of St. John of Capestrano</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer No Public Mass Today	
Sunday, 24 th October Thirtieth Sunday of the Year <i>World Mission Sunday</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass 3.00 pm Baptism 6.00 pm Mass	Bernadette Nolan Kiana Lawrence The People of the Parish
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass today.

If you are here with us for the first time today, welcome. If you are returning to Mass after a period of time away because of the pandemic, welcome back! It is lovely to see you again today.

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.*

Mass at Home. We are no longer streaming the Sunday morning Mass from Sacred Heart on Zoom. Alternatively, you could watch the Mass on Saturday, 5.30 pm, and/or Sunday, 11.00 am from Our Lady's where we are now live and can be viewed at <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>.

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.”

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sir David Amess MP, Mary Harrington, Brian Harper, Doreen Watkins, and all who have died recently or whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Bernard Stephen O'Connor, Frs. Gerald J. Adams, John Francis Hughes, Aidan White-Spunner, Brendan Byrne, Thomas Burbage, John Murray, John Galcius and also Alexander McVeigh, Joseph Patrick McGarry, Bernadette Nolan and Seamus Doherty. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

Please pray for Domenico Mirto, Betty Duff, Eileen McGarry, and Daniel Holdsworth and all those we know who are sick. If you are ill and you would like to ask for prayers on this newsletter, please let me know.



Baptisms: Parents, if you have been delaying arranging your child's Baptism because of Covid you can now ask me and we can welcome your child properly into the family of the Church.

Weddings. The same can be said about the Sacrament of Matrimony. We can now make plans, so please come and have a chat with me.

Pastoral Letter: The Synod 2021-2023. This weekend a Pastoral Letter on the Diocesan response to the recently launched Synod will be read out in churches. A video and audio recording of Archbishop Bernard's letter will also be available on the Archdiocesan website. The overall theme is *'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission'*. A Mass to mark the Opening of the Synodal Pathway in the Archdiocese of Birmingham will take place at St Chad's Cathedral this morning, Sunday, 17th October, celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley. You can see it on the live streaming on the Archdiocese of Birmingham website.

The Assisted Dying Bill, 2021 and a Novena asking for the prayers of Pope John Paul II.

The Assisted Dying Bill is due to receive its Second Reading in the House of Commons, with full debate, on Friday, 22nd October, 2021. This means legalised assisted suicide and it is not something that, as Catholics, we should simply allow to come to pass. There will be a national novena, starting this Wednesday, asking for the intercession of St John Paul II. **It started last Wednesday and will run until 22nd October.**

The Novena Prayer:

Merciful God, we pray with thanks and gratitude for the great spiritual gift of Saint John Paul II's apostolic life and mission. Through his heavenly intercession we ask that the 'Assisted Dying' Bill be defeated and that the infinite worth of each human person is upheld through proper investment in palliative care. Grant also that we may grow in love for You and proclaim boldly the love of Jesus Christ to all people. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.
Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be....

World Mission Sunday. Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. World Mission Sunday unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the mission of the Church. Your prayers and donations will support the work of missionaries as they share God's mercy and love with those who are suffering.

The Catholic Universe Newspaper. The *Catholic Universe* newspaper is to return as a digital, website-based publication. See universecatholicweekly.co.uk The first digital edition is available free. A year's subscription direct to your computer, tablet or smart phone is £20, but have a look at the free first edition.

November is approaching, and it is the month when we traditionally pray for those who have died:

- **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. Place the slips in the basket in front of the altar and they will be remembered at Mass during the month.
- Cardinal Vincent has recently asked the Bishops of England and Wales to celebrate a Mass in their cathedrals on Sunday, 7th November, for those who have died during the pandemic and for all healthcare and frontline workers who have supported our local communities during the last eighteen months. Archbishop Bernard will be offering this Mass in St Chad's Cathedral on that Sunday at 11.30 am. We can join with his intention especially during our 11.00 Mass that Sunday morning.
- **Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the North Oxford Deanery.** Every year the clergy of the Deanery celebrate Mass together for their deceased brothers. You are welcome to join us to pray for your priests. This year it will be on Tuesday, 9th November (time and place still to be decided).
- **Parish Memorial Mass for those in the parish who have died,** especially those whose funerals have been held here during the past year, on Saturday, 27th November, 11.00 am. If you would like anyone's name to be included please let me know (in writing). All are welcome.
- **Remembrance Sunday.** Sunday, 14th November, will be Remembrance Sunday when we remember and pray for those who have died in past and present wars. We shall have a short service after the 11.00 am Mass to lay a wreath at the foot of the cross and pray for those who have died and for peace.



Grand Christmas Draw. Yes, it's coming!! Raffle Tickets will soon be available to buy or to take away to sell to raise money for the Parish. All tickets to be returned by 27th November and the DRAW will be made on SUNDAY 12th DECEMBER. Each booklet costs £1 and has five tickets. If you would like to donate a prize it will be gratefully received.

Baptism. Next Sunday we shall welcome Kiana Lawrence into the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for her and her family.

Tailpiece: A notice from a parish magazine: "We are pleased to note that there has been a change of mind by the Housing Department regarding the name for the new housing complex for the elderly. 'St Peter's Close' did seem inappropriate."

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