



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th October, 2022

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Sunday, 16 th October Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 6.00 pm Mass	<i>In Thanksgiving for friends Tommy Gildea (Anniversary) Adriano Soriano da Silva</i>
Monday, 17 th October <i>Mem. of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass <i>(10.30 am Mass at St. John Fisher School)</i> <i>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>In Thanksgiving (Cecilia) The People of the Parish Private Intention</i>
Tuesday, 18 th October <i>Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Jean Carpenter (Get well)</i>
Wednesday, 19 th October <i>Mem. of St. Frideswide, Abbess, Patron of Oxford</i>	No Public Mass Today	Private Intention
Thursday, 20 th October	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	<i>Alexander McVeigh</i>
Friday, 21 st October	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Mary Donaghy</i>
Saturday, 22 nd October <i>Op. Mem. of St. John Paul II, Pope</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(Evening Vigil Mass: 5.30 pm at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Joao Ximenes and Raul Dos Santos</i>
Sunday, 23 rd October Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>World Mission Sunday</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Bernadette Nolan Zegen Rodrigues (2nd Birthday) Carlos Guterres Andrade (Birthday)</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass today.

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.*

Please pray for the soul of Fr. Stephen Innes OFM Cap, Richard Hansen and the souls of all who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time: Bishop Michael Glancey, Mgrs. Paul Joseph Watson and Bernard Stephen O'Connor, Canon William Withers, Frs. Thomas Rohan, Charles Friel, Gerald J. Adams, John Hughes, Aidan White-Spunner, Brendan Byrne, Thomas Burbage, John Murray, and Alexander McVeigh, Joseph Patrick McGarry and Bernadette Nolan. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Thomas Gaughan, Barry Holland, Rosalind Ingrams, Betty Duff and Eileen McGarry and all those we know who are sick. If you or someone you know is sick and would like to be included on this newsletter, please let me know.

Mass at Home. If you are not able to come to Mass you could watch it on Saturday, 5.30 pm, and/or Sunday, 11.00 am from Our Lady's where it is livestreamed at <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>. Here is a prayer that you can say when you watch the 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."

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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.*

Collections: 2nd October, £374.32; Gift Aid: £168.50; Second Collection: £52.33; Gift Aid: £3.00
9th October, £324.57; Gift Aid: £129.00. **CAFOD Family Fast Day:** £175.94. Thank you.

APF (red) Boxes. Could anyone with a red box who hasn't brought it in recently to be emptied please do so today. You can leave it in the Sacristy or give it directly to me or to Jacqui. Thank you.



Christmas Bazaar: on Saturday, 26th November. If you feel you could help in any way please let me know.
Raffle tickets are on sale after Mass.

Anniversary List: If you would like a deceased family member or friend to be remembered in the bulletin during the week of the anniversary of their death please let me know in writing, or email their name and the date of their anniversary to: fr.harry.curtis@rcaob.org.uk.

Remember: refreshments are available in the hall after the 9.00 am Mass on Sundays.

Barn Dance for Joy! Come, dance and make merry on Friday 21st October, 7.30 pm in St. Anthony's RC Church Hall, OX3 7SS. In aid of The School of Joy, for children with learning disabilities in Bethlehem, and the St Francis de Sales Trust for financial support for Catholic and pro-life causes. Tickets £5 on the door.

Mass Intentions. The diary for 2023 has now arrived, so if you wish to book a Mass for next year this is the opportunity.

SVP. This weekend we welcome Rebecca Bristow, the Oxford District President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP). She is here to say a few words about the SVP and to appeal for members to start a new Conference here in our parish.

World Mission Sunday. Next Sunday, 23rd October, is World Mission Sunday and there will be a second collection for Missio. On this day the whole Church around the world unites in prayer for its missionary activity, and in collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world living in situations of poverty and privation. The theme chosen by the Holy Father for this year is: 'You shall be my witnesses' (Acts 1:8). All donations go to the Universal Solidarity Fund to meet the material needs of Catholic communities too young, too small or too poor to support themselves. Donations help them to live out the mission entrusted to them by the Lord. Thank you for your ongoing support of Missio through prayer and charity. Please do all you can to celebrate this day in solidarity with the whole Church. For more information about World Mission Sunday, please visit missio.org.uk/wms.

The Archdiocese of Birmingham are looking to recruit a Secretary/PA to the Vicar General. You will need excellent communication skills, the ability to work on your own initiative, experience of working with senior post-holders/officers and be proficient with Microsoft Office. For an informal discussion about this role and further information, please call the Human Resources Officer on 0121 230 6224 or go to <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/FAQs/secretary-ypa-to-the-vicar-general>. The closing date is noon on Monday 31st October.

Midweek Masses. It would be nice if more people could support the midweek Masses in the parish (usually Monday mornings and Thursday evenings). This is an important way that we can ensure that we remain a community of faith and not just a Sunday gathering. Midweek Masses last about 25 minutes and are a great opportunity to attend a quieter celebration of Mass. You can book Mass intentions via the book in the Sacristy.

Advance notice: the Parish Memorial Mass for those in the parish and our family/friends who have died, especially those during the past year, will be on Saturday, 5th November, at 11.00 am. If you would like anyone's name to be included in this commemoration please let me know. Refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

A Day for Parish Readers. Think about this: when a reading is done in church it is the Word of God that is being proclaimed. The Reader is a minister of God and is helping the Kingdom of God to grow. That is not something to be taken lightly. Readers should prepare in every way possible – practically and spiritually. There will be a training day for readers, with reading practice (including tips on using a microphone) and also some spiritual reflection, on Saturday, 19th November, 10.00-4.00, in Our Lady's church and the Don Bosco Centre. If you are (or would like to be) a reader please try to come. Light refreshments provided; bring your own lunch.



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Tailpiece: A man was very ill and his parish priest came to visit to help him prepare for death. "Do you renounce the devil and all his evil works?" he asked the sick man. There was no answer. The priest asked again, a bit louder this time. The man opened his eyes and said, "Sure, I heard you the first time, Father, but I want to be careful. I'm thinking this is no time to be making enemies."

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