



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th September, 2023

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Sunday, 24 th September Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day of Prayer in Thanksgiving for the Harvest</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <i>(2.00 pm Baptisms at Our Lady's)</i> <i>(3.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's)</i> 6.00 pm Mass	Cecilia Michael Michelle (Intentions) Eilye & Emileo Flynn-Sefa Valentino Sotgiu Petrolina Miranda
Monday, 25 th September	<i>(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	James McVeigh (Anniversary)
Tuesday, 26 th September <i>Op. Mem. of Ss. Cosmas & Damian</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	Laurie Debono
Wednesday, 27 th September <i>Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul</i>	No Public Mass Today.	The People of the Parish
Thursday, 28 th September <i>Op. Mem. of St. Wenceslaus, or Ss. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions</i>	<i>8.00 am</i> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(2.30 pm Mass at Elmthorpe Convent)</i> <i>6.00 pm</i> Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Private Intention Rolando Balbag
Friday, 29 th September <i>Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels</i>	<i>8.00 am</i> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	Pat Griffiths
Saturday, 30 th September <i>Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>8.00 am</i> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass <i>(5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)</i>	Thomas Gaughan (Get Well) Somtochukwu Blaise Ifemeje
Sunday, 1 st October Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass at Our Lady's School, Oxford Road, Cowley 6.00 pm Mass	Pedro Fernandes Goncalves & Margarida Turquel De Jesus Luis Abel Da Silva
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm; Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am		

Welcome to Sacred Heart for Mass today, especially if you are visiting for the first time.

Today is a Day of Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Harvest. We give thanks to God for all His love and kindness to us, especially today for the food we receive.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NEXT SUNDAY THERE WILL BE NO 9.00 AM MASS. INSTEAD, THE MORNING MASS WILL BE AT 10.00 AND IT WILL BE IN OUR LADY'S SCHOOL AT THE BOTTOM OF HOLLOW WAY IN COWLEY. PLEASE PARK IN OUR LADY'S CHURCH CARPARK AND WALK DOWN.

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Iris O'Brien, Mary Doyle, Thomas Gaughan, Barry Holland, Rosalind Ingrams, Betty Duff, Beatrice Upham and Eileen McGarry and all those we know who are sick. If someone is sick and would like to be prayed for, please let me know.

Please pray for those who have died: Jorge Garcia, Baby Tarcisio Jeronimo Andrade Babo, Luis Abel Da Silva, Frs. Paul Chavasse (CongOrat) and Edwin Cownley, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: HH Pope John Paul I, Mgrs. Michael McTernan and Henry Farrelly, Canon Peter Reilly, Frs. John Bale, Gordon Banks, Paul Orchard, Edward Cotter, Laurence Daly, Denis Mary Egan and Luke Magee CP, Deacons Michael McCormack and Anthony (Tony) Colby, and also James McVeigh, Pamela Irons and Rebecca Clarke. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

*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.*

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.

Remember: refreshments are available in the hall after the 9.00 am Mass on Sundays. Come and have a chat with friends.

In aid of fundraising for CAFOD, Rachel Breward is going to be running her first ever Half Marathon in October! Please pray for her, especially her knees, and please sponsor her if you can <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Rachel-Breward-Oxford-half>. The run will take place on 15th October in Oxford (the flat bits of Oxford).

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 16th October 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

Please pray for the sick, especially those we know: Claire French, John Pill, Aveen Kavanagh, Iris O'Brien, Doreen Cox, Jean Carpenter, Beatrice Upham, Thomas Gaughan and Pat Mazonowicz.

A message from St. John Fisher School: "St John Fisher are pleased to announce their new Ofsted "Good" rating following their recent inspection – Mr Higgins and all of the staff are incredibly proud of all the hard work put in to achieve this grade. There are still a few in year places available, so please get in touch for a tour if you are interested in joining the best school in Blackbird Leys/Littlemore."

The Leys Youth Fete is happening on 6th October, 15.30-20.00, at Leys Leisure Centre, Pegasus Rd, OX4 6JL, promising a vibrant and engaging event for the youth of the Leys area in Oxford. It will be a day filled with learning, fun, and empowerment. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be a part of something special. ewa@leysyouthspace.com; <https://leysyouthspace.com>

My Day By Day Booklets. The October edition of these booklets, which give the daily Mass readings, are available at the back of church (£1).

At Masses this weekend, there will be a second collection for Father Hudson's Care. Father Hudson's mission is to provide Catholic Social Care in our Archdiocese, reaching out to support vulnerable people in communities near you. As inflation rises the challenges faced by those with the least are multiplied. Please give generously to support those with nowhere else to turn.

"International Day" - NEXT SUNDAY



On Sunday, 1st October, we shall have something special, shared with Our Lady's Parish. Just for that day there will be no 9.00 Mass here at Sacred Heart. Instead,

Mass will be at 10.00 am at Our Lady's Primary School at the bottom of Hollow Way on the Oxford Rd. This will be followed by events/shared food/games until about 2.00 pm. People are encouraged to wear national costume and to bring national dishes to share. Please sign the sheet if you can offer to bring and share. There is a drop-off at the school for those with mobility difficulties and for food deliveries (gates open from 8.00 am). Otherwise please park at Our Lady's church.

40 Days for Life Campaign: From Wednesday, 27th September to Saturday, 4th November, you can join other Christians in 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end of abortion. You are invited to stand and pray peacefully in the public right-of-way outside BPAS (Rectory Centre, 27-29 Rectory Road, OX4 1BU). For more info or to offer help, contact: catherinerymell2@gmail.com

Tailpiece: A priest was out one day when a large car pulled up on the road beside him. The car window slid down and a voice hailed him, "Say, Padre, have any great men been born around these parts?" "Well, no," the priest answered apologetically, "Only babies!"

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