



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd October, 2023

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| Sunday, 22 nd October Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Mission Sunday | 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass | Bernadette Nolan (Anniv.) Shaheen Joshi (Birthday) The People of the Parish |
| Monday, 23 rd October Op. Mem. of St. John of Capestrano | (7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer | Francisco Pereira, Marcelo Da Silva and dec'd family |
| Tuesday, 24 th October Op. Mem. of St. Anthony Mary Claret | 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's) | Anne Rhodes (Spec. Int.) |
| Wednesday, 25 th October | No Public Mass Today. | John Sinclair |
| Thursday, 26 th October Op. Mem. of St. Cedd, Bishop | 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass | Baby Tarcisio Jeronimo Andrade Babo |
| Friday, 27 th October | 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's School) | Mary RIP |
| Saturday, 28 th October Feast of St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles | 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady's) | Dermot & Josephine McMahon Kathleen McMahon Yuda |
| Sunday, 29 th October Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) (3.00 pm Baptisms at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass | Cecilia Michael Katherine Raj (Anniversary) Luis, Jatniel & Britney Adelina Fatima Lemos & Cosme Ximenes |
| Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm; Saturday, 10.30-11.30 am (Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm at Our Lady's) | | |

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

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 Margaret Walsh who died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Frs. John Murray, Edward Burbage and John Francis McGovern, and also Bernadette Nolan, Seamus Doherty, Noreen Mason, Valentine Mason, William Durkin and Mary Harrington. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

If you wish to watch the Mass at your home, go to
<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>

*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.

Congratulations and welcome to Elle Imogen Boyd who was baptised here at Sacred Heart yesterday. May God bless her and her family.

The Synod in Rome. The Holy Father has asked Catholics to join in prayer during this time of Synod for a spirit of discernment and wisdom, so that the whole Church may know the power of the Holy Spirit at work in these days. Central to this is a desire to discern how the Lord wants us to follow him and be faithful to his call to bring His Good News to all peoples.

40 Days for Life Campaign: Join other Christians in 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end of abortion. From Wednesday 27th September to Saturday 4th November, you are invited to stand and pray peacefully outside BPAS (Rectory Centre, 27-29 Rectory Road, OX4 1BU). For more information or to volunteer to help, contact: Catherine at catherinerymell2@gmail.com or sign up to vigil hours online via: 40daysforlife.com/Oxford.

Welcome: I am happy to say that Reena Bartrip has been appointed as our new parish secretary. She will start at the beginning of November.

October is the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary. So let us all turn to Our Blessed Lady and seek her intercession and ask that she will always be 'our most gentle Queen and Mother.'

Christmas Bazaar.

*The change in the weather this week is a reminder that the year is getting on!
With that in mind let me announce:
OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
THIS YEAR WILL BE ON SATURDAY,
25TH NOVEMBER.*

*Raffle tickets for the bazaar are available after Mass. There is a chart for donations for the raffle in the porch.
Please do support our parish by selling the tickets and/or offering prizes.
Thank you.*

Well done! to Rachel Breward who ran her first ever Half Marathon last week to raise money for CAFOD. If you would like to sponsor her go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Rachel-Breward-Oxford-half>

Today is World Mission Sunday. On this day the whole Church unites through prayer for its missionary activity and by collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world experiencing situations of poverty and turmoil. The theme chosen by the Holy Father for this year is: 'Hearts on fire, feet on the move' (Luke 24:13-35). Thank you for your ongoing support of Missio through prayer and charity. There will be a second collection at Masses this weekend for Missio. For more information about World Mission Sunday, please visit missio.org.uk/wms



Missio Red Boxes. If you have a Red Box, could you please bring it in to be emptied by Sunday 12th November. You can leave boxes in the Sacristy. If you would like to know more please speak to Jacqui.

November begins with the Solemnity of All Saints (Wednesday 1st), which is a Holy Day of Obligation for us as Catholics. It is also the month of the Holy Souls. The Holy Souls lists will be available next weekend for people to add the names of loved ones.

Blessing Of Graves

- at Rose Hill Cemetery will be on Sunday, 5th November at 3.00 pm. (gather in the cemetery chapel);
- at Headington Cemetery will be on Saturday, 11th November at 11.30 am.

Tailpiece:

A man asked his priest: "Father, will you pray for Annabelle today?"
"Certainly," said the priest, and did so.
The following week he said to the man, "How is Annabelle? Would you like me to go on praying for her?"
"No thanks, Father. She won at 6-to-4 on."

May God bless you and all those whom you love.

Fr. Harry

P.S. British Summertime ends. The clocks change next Saturday night/Sunday morning (hurray, an extra hour in bed!).

