



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29th October, 2023

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This Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. At present, our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Margaret Lawes. She can be contacted at: sgsacredheart.oxford@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern. We are still asking for someone to volunteer to take Margaret's place. Please come and see me.

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 Lemos & Cosme Ximenes
Monday, 30 th October	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Kitty Davies (Birthday)
Tuesday, 31 st October	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Annamma Thomas
Wednesday, 1 st November Solemnity of All Saints Holyday of Obligation	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's) 7.00 pm Mass	Kathleen Mullagh (Birthday) The People of the Parish
Thursday, 2 nd November Commemoration of All Souls	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's) 7.00 pm Mass	Bernadette Edwards (B'day) Holy Souls
Friday, 3 rd November Op. Mem. of St. Martin de Porres, or of St. Winifride	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Mr. R. K. Joshi & Mrs. M. F. Joshi
Saturday, 4 th November Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass (5.30 pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady's)	Josephine & Dermot McMahon Gary Ainger
Sunday, 5 th November Thirty-first 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 Blessing of Graves at Rose Hill) 6.00 pm Mass	Andre Pereira Mr. R. K. Joshi & Mrs. M. F. Joshi The People of the Parish
Confessions: 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.

If you wish to watch the Mass at your home, go to

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>

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 Noreen Duffy, Margaret Walsh and Margaret Dunne who died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville, Bishop John Barrett, Canon Denis Toplass, Frs. Thomas Williams, John O'Dwyer, Patrick O'Sullivan, James Faulconer-Morgan, Henry Taylor, Louis Moore, James Curtin and Aengus Gabriel Donlon, Deacon Paul Grosvenor, and The Mason Family and Kevin Hosey. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

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*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.**

40 Days for Life Campaign ends next Saturday: 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 catherinermell2@gmail.com

Bingo Night, Wednesday, 22nd Nov., at Headington Conservative Club, Windmill Rd, Headington OX3 7BZ. Proceeds in aid of the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship, Oxford-Lourdes Pilgrimage. Doors open 7.00 pm.

First Friday. The Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart will be said before Mass on Friday this week.

All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Wednesday this week is the Solemnity of All Saints which is a Holyday of Obligation. That means we should all do our best to attend Mass. There will be Mass at Our Lady's at 9.15 am which will be attended by Our Lady's School, and here at Sacred Heart at 7.00 pm.

All Souls Day will be on Thursday. It is not a Holyday of Obligation, but many people like to go to Mass to pray for their deceased family and friends. Again, there will be Mass at Our Lady's at 9.15 am and here at Sacred Heart at 7.00 pm.

Welcome: Reena Bartrip has been appointed as our new parish secretary. She will start this week.

The Johnson Fund. There will be a second collection next weekend to support this Fund which exists for the support of the Secular Clergy of our Archdiocese who, on account of age, infirmity or sickness, need financial help. Thank you very much.

Christmas Bazaar.

**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.*



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.

Pope's Prayer Intention for November: For the Pope. We pray for the Holy Father, as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

My Day By Day Booklets for November, which give the daily Mass readings, are available in the porch (£1).

November is the month when traditionally we pray for those who have died.

- **November Prayers for the Dead.** There are memorial slips available to write the names of those for whom you wish to pray during November. Place the slips in the black box in front of the altar and they will be remembered at Mass during the month.
- **Blessing of Graves**
 - At Rose Hill Cemetery will be on Sunday, 5th Nov. at 3.00 pm. (meet in the cemetery chapel);
 - At Headington Cemetery will be on Saturday, 11th November at 11.30 am.
- **Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the North Oxford Deanery,** Tuesday, 14th November, 12.00 noon, at Corpus Christi, Headington. Every year the clergy of the Deanery celebrate Mass for their deceased brothers. All welcome to join us.
- **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, 11th November, 10.00 am. If you would like anyone's name to be included, please let me know. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Don Bosco Centre.
- **Remembrance Sunday.** Sunday, 12th November. We shall have a short service after each Mass to lay a wreath and pray for those who have died in war and for peace.



Tailpiece: A small girl was once asked to pray for fine weather so that her grandmother's rheumatism might get better. Accordingly, when she went to bed she knelt down and prayed: "O Lord, please make it hot for Grandma."

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