



# Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

## *Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### *12<sup>th</sup> November, 2023*

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*Please come and see me.*

Sunday, 12 <sup>th</sup> November <b>Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Remembrance Sunday	<i>(5.30 pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <b>7.45 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.00 am Mass</b> <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	Sean Jennings (Anniversary)  Brendan McNally (Anniv.) Dermot & Josephine McMahon Anthony Pinto Sarmento
Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> November	<i>(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(6.00 pm Reception of Noreen Duffy at Our Lady's)</i>	Winnie Gildea
Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> November	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(9.15 am Mass, with the Rosary, at Our Lady's)</i> <i>(12.00 noon Mass at Corpus Christi)</i>	Robin & Anne MacDonald & Family Deceased Clergy of the Deanery
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November <i>Op. Mem. of St. Albert the Great</i>	<b>No Public Mass Today</b>	The People of the Parish
Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> November <i>Op. Mem. of St. Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop</i>	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	Mr. Paul Lydon
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> November <i>Op. Mem. of St. Hilda, Abbess, or St. Hugh of Lincoln, or St. Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction <i>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	Nora Duffy
Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November <i>Op. Mem. of the Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter &amp; St. Paul</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(11.00 am Parish Memorial Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <i>(5.30 pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	Deceased Parishioners & Friends Mary Clarke
Sunday, 19 <sup>th</sup> November <b>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> World Day of the Poor	<b>7.45 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</b> <b>9.00 am Mass</b> <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <i>(1.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's)</i> <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	Patrick McGroarty Anita de Fatima Cruz Clarke Antony Cooney
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm. <i>(Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm at Our Lady's)</i>		

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



**Remembrance Sunday.** Today is Remembrance Sunday. 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.

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

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**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 who died recently,** and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frs. Michael O'Keefe, Petroc Howell, Laurence Smith, Thomas Stanislaus O'Connor, William Matthew Boyle, Joseph Ryan, James O'Sullivan, Raymond Jones and Bernard Boulton, Deacon John Burton, Srs. Lisetta Ferrari, Mary Mulhall, Mary Dooley and Teresa Shannon FMA, and also Arthur Bayliss, Nan Ford, Kathleen Davies and Bernard Teeling. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace. **There will be a Reception at Our Lady's for Noreen Duffy on Monday at 6.00 pm.**

*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.**

**Bingo Night,** Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 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.

*Christmas Bazaar.*

***OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR  
THIS YEAR WILL BE ON SATURDAY,  
25<sup>TH</sup> 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 this weekend. You can leave boxes in the Sacristy. If you would like to know more please speak to Jacqui.

**Would you like to become a Catholic?** If you are interested in becoming a Catholic – either by being baptised in the Catholic Church or by being received into the Catholic Church from another Christian community, please contact me at [fr.harry.curtis@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.harry.curtis@rcaob.org.uk)

**First Holy Communion Lessons.** Parents, if your children are aged 8 or over and you wish them to receive their First Holy Communion next May, please register them with me, using the form in the church porch. Lessons will begin in January.

**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 all those named will be remembered at Mass during the month.
- **Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the North Oxford Deanery,** Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Homes for Ukraine Matching Service.** If you have room in your home and your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then please visit <https://sjoq-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

**CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal.** Message from CAFOD: “Donate to CAFOD’s Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](https://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water, and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.” There will be a second collection at Masses next weekend for CAFOD’s Crisis Appeal.

**Tailpiece:**

*Voice on the telephone:* “Hello. Is that the church?”

*Priest:* “Yes. How can I help you?”

*Voice on the telephone:* “My wife is expecting a baby and she wants to know how she can arrange a Baptism.”

*Priest:* “I see. Is this her first baby?”

*Voice on the telephone:* “No. This is her husband.”

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

**Fr. Harry**