



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th November, 2023

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Parish Priest: Fr. Harry Curtis

(Also serving Our Lady Help of Christians, Cowley, 01865 770910)

Parish Secretary: Reena Bartrip

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Please come and see me.

Sunday, 5 th November Thirty-first 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> <i>(3.00 pm Blessing of Graves at Rose Hill)</i> 6.00 pm Mass	Andre Pereira Mr. R. K. Joshi & Mrs. M. F. Joshi The People of the Parish
Monday, 6 th November	<i>(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Bernadette and John Edwards
Tuesday, 7 th November <i>Op. Mem. of St. Willibrord, Bishop</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	Lazaro Purificacion & Family
Wednesday, 8 th November <i>Memorial of Blessed George Napier</i>	No Public Mass Today	Robert Allsworth
Thursday, 9 th November <i>Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Jeronimo Ribeiro Babo Martins and Ercia Andrade
Friday, 10 th November <i>Memorial of St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	Coral Anne Pill (13 th Anniv.)
Saturday, 11 th November <i>Memorial of St. Martin of Tours, Bishop</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Parish Memorial Mass <i>(11.30 am Blessing of Graves at Headington)</i> <i>(5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)</i>	Dec'd Parishioners & Friends Sean Jennings (Anniversary)
Sunday, 12 th November Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass <i>(11.00 am Mas at Our Lady's)</i> 6.00 pm Mass	Brendan McNally (Anniv.) Dermot & Josephine McMahon Anthony Pinto Sarmiento
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm; Saturday, 11.00-11.30 am <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.

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>

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: Mgr. Bertram Gould, Canons Patrick Smith, Eugene O'Sullivan and John Redford, Frs. John Francis Bromfield, John Brisland, Francis Dawson, Derek Edwards and Cyril Duck, and also Cora Proctor, Joseph Mgungwe and Frederick Gardner. 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.**

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.

Welcome: I am delighted to welcome our new parish secretary, Reena Bartrip, who will be working in the office here at Sacred Heart on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10.00-1.00. (Contact: 01865 455182, sacredheart.oxford@rcaob.org.uk)

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.

The second Collection at Masses today is for the Johnson Fund which provides support to sick and retired priests of the diocese. Many retired priests depend on grants from the Johnson Fund, and your generosity will help them greatly.

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

Pro-life drinks. 7.30-9pm, Friday 10th November "Up in Arms", Marston, OX3 0EN. Whether you're new and would like to find out more or a seasoned pro-lifer, come along to relax with like-minded people and keep connected with the pro-life community in Oxford. All welcome. Just turn up. You can get in touch with Ed via <https://tinyurl.com/ox-pro-life>. And why not bring a friend?

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

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.
- **Blessing of Graves**
 - At Rose Hill Cemetery will be this afternoon, Sunday, 5th November, at 3.00 pm. (meet in the cemetery chapel);
 - At Headington Cemetery will be next 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, **next 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.** Next 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.



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.

Tailpiece: A loyal parish secretary had a great reply to callers who wanted to speak to the golf-loving parish priest: "I'm sorry, but Father's away on a course."

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