



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Solemnity of Christ the King

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Please come and see me.

Sunday, 26 th November Solemnity of Christ the King <i>National Youth Sunday</i>	<i>(5.30 pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Mabel Golkowski & Family</i> <i>Edward & Mary Murphy</i> <i>Tony Kavanagh (Anniversary)</i> <i>Wilson (Intentions)</i>
Monday, 27 th November	<i>(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	<i>Inna</i>
Tuesday, 28 th November	No Public Mass Today	<i>Helen Towey (Birthday)</i>
Wednesday, 29 th November	No Public Mass Today	<i>The People of the Parish</i>
Thursday, 30 th November <i>Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle</i>	<i>6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction</i> 7.00 pm Mass	<i>Brendan McNally</i>
Friday, 1 st December <i>Feast of St. Edmund Campion, Martyr</i>	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> <i>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Thomas Duff (Anniversary)</i>
Saturday, 2 nd December	<i>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> <i>(Nuptial Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <i>(5.30 pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Piter Bintaldays & Benvinda</i> <i>Amaral De Fatima Maxanches</i> <i>Janet Gildea</i>
Sunday, 3 rd December First Sunday of Advent <i>Migrants' Day</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Joseph McGarry (Anniversary)</i> <i>Kevin Kirby (Intentions)</i> <i>John Cullen (Birthday)</i>
<i>Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm. (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.

Solemnity of Christ the King. Today is the last Sunday of the Church's year and it brings to a climax the whole of the message of our salvation in Jesus by acknowledging Him as our Lord and King in every aspect of our life. It is especially a Day of Prayer for Young People. At Masses this weekend there will be a second collection for the Catholic Youth Services.

If you are unable to come to church and wish to watch the Mass at your home, go to

<https://www.mcmedia.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.*

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Iris O'Brien, Mary Doyle, Thomas Gaughan, Barry Holland, Rosalind Ingrams, Betty Duff, Inna, 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 Mike Simmons and Jean Claude Rubati who died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Archbishops Joseph Masterson and Edward Ilsley, Canon Augustine Emery, Frs. Edward Neary, Reginald Anwyl, Norman Millard and Peter John Rogers, and also Josephine McMahon, Clare Curtis, Wendy Burns, Joan Taylor, Mrs. Higgins and Cecilia (Sheila) Harris. May they rest in peace.

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.

Our Parish Christmas Bazaar.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way with the Parish Christmas Bazaar yesterday, and especially to Sally McVeigh who always does so much to make sure that it is a great afternoon, and to Jacqui Halliday who does so much of the heavy work and organisation.

Thank you for donations to the Bazaar from Mr. Pill the butcher, from Tesco and from One Stop. Their support means a lot to us.

Sadly, Sally and Nuala have told me that neither of them will be running stalls after this bazaar. Added to that, Maggie Durkin could not run the cake stall this year. It is really the end of an era. They have all done a great job of supporting the parish since it started, and while they certainly deserve a well-earned retirement they will be a hard act to follow, not only for the money they have raised, but also for the community they have helped to build.

First Friday. This Friday is the First of the month. We shall pray the Prayers to the Sacred Heart before Mass on Thursday.

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.

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.

The new Diocesan Directories are available from the Piety Stall, £4.50.

Please pray for Piter Bintaldays and Benvinda Amaral De Fatima Maxanches who are being married at Our Lady's next Saturday. **Note that this means there will be no Mass or Confessions here at Sacred Heart next Saturday morning.**

Pope's Prayer Intention for December: For people with disabilities. We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.

The Advent Walk With Me booklet, with daily reflections for the Season, is now available. Free, or if you wish to make a donation, thank you. There are also copies of the **Advent Day by Day** booklets (£1) which have the readings used at Mass for each day of Advent.

Oxford Pro-Life Rosary Witness: On Saturday 2nd December all pro-lifers are invited to recite the Rosary for the end of abortion and in defence of life. There will be a meeting outside the Clarendon building at 48 Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3AZ at 12.00 noon. Now more than ever Catholics must stand up in defence of life for all the innocent unborn. Please join in taking up the powerful Rosary in this mission of witnessing to the Gospel of life and for the conversion of hearts and minds. For more info contact Honor Roberts at honorroberts@hotmail.com

Pro-life drinks. 7.30-9.00 pm, Thursday 30th November. "Up in Arms", Marston, OX3 OEN. 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, and why not bring a friend?

Tailpiece: A priest was invited to give an after-dinner speech. He had a collection of humorous stories, but he didn't want the reporters in the audience to print them because it would mean he could never use them again, so he appealed to their good nature not to put them in the papers. It was a pity that the following morning all the papers said, "Father told several stories. Unfortunately, they are unprintable."

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