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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
29th October 2023

1st Reading – Exodus: 22:20-26

Psalm – I love you, Lord, my strength.

2nd Reading – St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel – Matthew 22:34-40

Pope's Prayer Intention for November – 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.

Holy Day of Obligation – This Wednesday, 1st November is the Solemnity of All Saints. As well as the morning Mass, there will be an evening Mass at 7.00pm so you may fulfil your obligation of participating in the Mass that day. There will also be another Mass on All Souls (Thursday) at 7pm.

First Friday Devotions in honour of the Sacred Heart of Our Lord will be held this Friday, 3rd November at 7pm in the church. There will be a possibility to receive the sacrament of the anointing of the sick after the Mass.

Mrs Eileen Mary Daly R.I.P. – please pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Mary Daly, who passed away on 13th October. Her funeral Mass will be held here, at Greyfriars on Tuesday 7th November at 11am.

Dead Lists for November – you may collect blank lists from the Church porch. Please add the names of the dead you wish to be prayed for during November

and return in an envelope, along with your offering. Your lists will be placed on the Altar and Mass will be offered each day for all those on the lists.

Lectio Divina Prayer Group will continue at 17:30 on Monday 30th October, in Greyfriar's Library. Gospel reading for next two weeks: 1) Matthew 23:1-12. Br. Martin will continue to lead future sessions as and when his ministry permits. In Br. Martin's absence, Helen and Yvette will administer to the Group. For more information, email: iffleycross@gmail.com.

Fr Ian Ker Memorial Lecture, Sunday 12th November at The College, Littlemore, at 4pm by Sister Kathleen Dietz FSO, "Newman and the Eucharist – a narrative". Please see poster in porch for further details.

'The Joy of Hope' Café is an engaging and informal discussion series exploring the virtue of hope and what it means for us today. The first session is entitled *Do not be afraid*. Each of the four sessions will start with refreshments beforehand and then run for about an hour. All welcome and no need to book – just come along. The venue is **Corpus Christi Parish Hall, Margaret Road, Headington, OX3 8AJ** (parking is available close by in Margaret Rd and Wharton Rd). The session dates are Thursday November: 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th. Refreshments at 7.45pm for an 8.00pm start on 2nd (the final three sessions will be 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start).

Tea and Coffee – will now be held on the first Sunday of every month after 9am Mass. Sunday 5th November will be the first Sunday. After 11am Mass will be held every week.

Flower Arrangers needed for the Church – we are looking for volunteers to help with the flower arrangements in the Church from Christmas onwards. If interested, please email the Church: ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk. Thank you.

First Holy Communion – There will be a meeting with parents of children preparing for their 1st Holy Communion Saturday 9th December at 9.30am. The course itself will begin in January. The course is for children who attend year 3, 4, 5, or 6 of primary school. Please fill in the form which you can find on the website on the Sacraments page, or speak to Br. Martin after Mass.

Confirmation – There will be a meeting with parents of children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 9th December at 10.30am.

The course will begin in January. It is for children who attend year 6 of primary school or are in secondary school. Please fill in the form which you can find on the website on the Sacraments page, or speak to Br. Martin after Mass.

Cleaning team: If you would like to join the team who keep the Church and Sacristy clean and tidy please email the parish email: ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk. This week it is the turn of Angelika and Olivia.

Second Collection – Next Sunday, 5th November there will be a second collection for the Johnson Association.

Parish Donations

Collection 15th October: £368.34 Gift Aid: £27

Collection Last Week: £368.35 Gift Aid: £66

Mission Sunday: £194.99 Gift Aid: £14

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish, also to those of you who also contribute on-line and via the contactless payment machine.

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially Therese O'Malley, Aline Beaupiere, Margaret Corcoran, Oonagh Clarkson, Albert Paintin, Gillian Mellor, Br. Michael Hargan, Ewan Williams, Anne Wilkinson. If you are aware of somebody in our community who is sick and in need of our prayers, please ask them to contact the parish or let us have their contact details.

Sacrament of Penance (Confession): Saturdays 11am-12noon, 5.30pm-6.15pm and by appointment.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Geraldine Coggins, Michael Curran, Anne Harpin. They can be contacted at: sg.ofmca.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.

Sunday 29th October 2023 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Parishioners	
9.00 a.m.	Ellie May and Francey Reilly	
11.00 a.m.	Viera Hejzlarova & Martha Hejzlarova R.I.P.	
5.30 p.m.	Johnboy and Louise Collins and Family	
Monday 30th		<i>The anniversary of dedication</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Winnie Joyce R.I.P. 2) Friars and Benefactors	
Tuesday 31st		<i>St. Angelus of Acri</i>
7.30 a.m.	Vocations	
Wednesday 1st		<i>All Saints Holy day of Obligation</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Kieron Hughes 2) November Dead Lists	
7.00 p.m.	Parishioners	
Thursday 2nd		<i>All Souls</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Br. Lucjan's Int. 2) November Dead Lists	
7.00 p.m.	Holy Souls	
Friday 3rd		<i>1st Friday</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Christy and Bridie Collins 2) November Dead Lists	
7.00 p.m.	In Honour of the Sacred Heart	
Saturday 4th		<i>St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i>
8.00 a.m.	1) Christy and Kelly 2) November Dead Lists	
6.30 p.m. (Vigil)	Maria da Costa Savio Fenandes R.I.P.	