

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions

are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month at 11.00am and also by appointment.

This weekend Fr Tenny celebrates the Masses at Sacred Heart, as Canon Paul is at St. Michael's, Sonning Common where he is leading a pastoral consultation meeting concerning the merger of parishes. Meanwhile, Fr Michael is enjoying a well deserved holiday in France.

Thursdays at Three - Tea/Biscuits & Chatter

Every Thursday in the Parish Hall. An opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners.
All welcome.

Scripture Course = St. John's Gospel

Beginning on Friday 25 September at 10.00am at St. Michael's and then every two weeks afterward and online the night before - Thursday at 7.00 pm. See the poster for more details.

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Offertory Contactless £ 227.00

Sound System £ 870.00

Website Offertory £ 30.00

Total £ 1,127.00

Standing Orders for August 2026

£ 3,729.00 Very many thanks

Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times.

Our Parish Safeguarding Representative **David Connolly**. He can be contacted at:

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Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

Live Streaming of Mass: to enable our Sick and Housebound of our Parish Community to have greater access and participation you can live stream all our services:

<https://www.mcn.live/Camera/sacred-heart-catholic-church>

Website: www.sacredhearthenley.co.uk

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Sarah Harris (Wed- Fri 9—1pm)

Parish Hall Rep:

Sarah Harris



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Looking ahead what's happening over the coming months.

September always feels like a fresh start. The beginning of a new academic year, a new season and starting new initiatives after the summer break.

Here at Sacred Heart and across the South Oxfordshire Deanery there is plenty to talk about.

The Deanery Visitation begins shortly. Bishop Richard will begin his visitation of the area on 26/27 September when he visits St. Michael, Sonning Common for their patronal feast day weekend, and will visit the other five parishes over the coming months, ending with Sacred Heart, Henley on 5/6 December. Archbishop Bernard will visit St. Birinus, Dorchester on Thames tbc. Usually visitations take place consecutively across the Archdiocese. This year all the other visitations have been cancelled, to enable the Diocese to concentrate solely upon South Oxfordshire. Future visitations will focus on the merger of parishes. As we are further advanced than elsewhere, we alone are ready for a visitation.

Over the next few months the process for the **merger of parishes** will continue. I have spent the summer visiting each of the parishes, consulting with parish groups and councils, finance committees and the people of the parish. This Sunday, I am at St. Michael's celebrating the Masses, preaching about this, and leading a parish consultation, prior to Bishop Richard's visit the following week. The pace will increase as each of the Bishops begins their personal consultation as well. It is hoped that the merger may be completed by the end of this year. After 18 months off, **I am back teaching** at our Diocesan Seminary, St. Mary's College Oscott. I started last Thursday. I'm not used to live feedback, as Fr Tenny tells me how it went as soon as I walk through the door.

I teach the Gospel of St. John, and on 25 September onwards, I shall be leading a course on **St. John's Gospel**. Look out for the poster and details in the newsletter.

As part of the proposed merger of parishes into one parish, will be founding a Deanery/Parish finance committee and a **Deanery/Parish Council**. This will include a Parish Council in each of our Churches, including here. **Fr Tenny** will be working closely with our School, becoming a School Governor and working across the area. That's some of what will happen. **Canon Paul**

Date	Times	Service	Intention
Saturday 19 September	6.00 pm	Mass	Lam, Salman, Qi, Denis, Charles, Mette, Laura, Sadyr, Shavkat, Prabowo, Kassym, Cai, Zahra, Anna and family
Sunday 20 September	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	Bhavani Nathan
Monday 21 September		NO MASS	
Tuesday 22 September	9.45 am 10.00 am	Morning Prayer Mass	
Wednesday 23 September	9.45 am 10.00 am	Morning Prayer Mass	Elliot Halpern
Thursday 24 September	10.00 am	NO MASS	Church Cleaning All welcome
Friday 25 September	9.45 am 10.00 am	Morning Prayer Mass	Graham and Eijkenboom Families
Saturday 26 September	6.00 pm	Mass	John Grantham
Sunday 27 September	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever

Responsorial Psalm:
The Lord is close to all who call him

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia! [Sung]
Open our hearts, O Lord, that we pay attention to the words of your Son. Alleluia! [Sung]

READINGS:
Isaiah 55:6-9
Psalm 145:2-3. 8-9.
Philippians 1:20-24. 27
Matthew 20:1-16

Parish News

Family Mass: at 10.30 am Mass

Our first Family Mass of the ‘new year’ begins this Sunday at the 10.30am Mass. The Children will prepare the Music and Liturgy, they will write the Bidding Prayers and read at Mass. Since we began our family mass, more young familes are attending Mass regularly, and we have three new readers all under 12 years old !

Sound System Appeal £9,005.00 *We reached our target!*

Thanks to your amazing support and generosity we have reached our target, and we will shall be installing our new sound system shortly. At present we have one working microphone and did you know that the existing speakers were fitted the wrong way - horizontally, rather than vertical. Even that will make a huge difference. **We will have a new:** Amplifier, 2 column speakers (vertical), a new gooseneck microphone for the ambo, 2 radio microphones, recharging dock/stations for the portable microphones, 2 standard microphones, a cabinet to house the equipment, and a new digital loop system - a hearing impaired facility.

Interested in becoming a Catholic ?

Fr Tenny’s sessions on the Catholic faith will begin shortly.
This is the last call if you would like to join the group.

First Communion 2027.

Please enrol now if you wish your child to make their FHC next May.

The enrolment Mass for FHC will be on Sunday 15 November at 10.30 am.

Please pray for: *The Sick & Housebound of our Parish Community:*

Jill Allen, Jaime Alto, Maria J Bagumayan, Noreen Breadmore, Ronnie Campbell, Melene Clifford, Arthur De Meyer, Linda Heneghan, Evelyn Lochrin, John McCann, Anne Thompson, Diana Watson, Veronica Willans, Katie Worsfield.
If you know of anyone who is sick, do let us know.

Those who have died:

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Valerie Roland, Mirco Rado, John Brogan, Emma Hunte Madeleine Molenkamp , Patrick Kelly, Jean Reynolds, John Gratham **May they rest in peace**