

Hymns: 706 Praise to the Lord, the almighty. 846 Amazing Grace.
969 Lord of all hopefulness.

Please remember in your prayers **Fr Chris Fitzpatrick**, who has died. I have known my namesake for very many years. His funeral is this Saturday in Co. Kerry in Ireland. I shall be away this weekend attending the funeral. I am very grateful for Fr Tenny, who will also be looking after Bishop Richard as he undertakes the Visitation of St. Michael's Sonning Common. **Please pray for their visitation as well.**

Thursdays at Three - Tea/Biscuits & Chatter

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

Laudato Si: Becoming fully Carbon Neutral

Thank you for the generous donations towards our project to honour Pope Francis' call to protect our common home. We seek to place Solar panels on the Parish Hall roof as the final part of our renewal of our utilities and to tread more lightly on the earth.

Online Offertory Donation: You can donate from our website **Or use this QR code**

To add gift aid: to your credit or debit card all you have to do is press the button on the right, in blue, then press next and fill in your email address and details.

You only have to do this once.



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Catholic Evangelisation £ 70.00

Standing Orders for August 2026

Thank you for your generous support.

Laudato Si £ 2,055.00

Hardship Fund £ 40.00

Total £ 2,485.00

£ 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:

sg.sh.henley@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan

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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David Connolly

Sarah Harris (Wed- Fri 9—1pm)

Sarah Harris



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Thank You to Our Parish Volunteers

A parish is so much more than a building where we gather for Mass. It is a community of people, brought together by Christ, in which each of us has something to give, and each of us has a part to play. On October 18th, we want to say a **special thank you to all those who give their time, talents, and energy to the life of our parish.**

Much of what happens in a parish can easily go unnoticed. There are those who prepare the Church, serve at Mass, read, sing, arrange flowers, clean, welcome people, help with refreshments, care for our buildings and grounds, teach the faith, support parish events, visit others, serve on committees, organise activities and quietly undertake countless other tasks. Some ministries are very visible; others happen almost entirely behind the scenes. All of them matter.

St John Paul II reminded us of this in *Christifideles Laici*. He described the Church as a living body marked by a wonderful **“diversity and complementarity of vocations... ministries, charisms and responsibilities.”** Each person, he says, offers a **“totally unique contribution”** for the good of the whole Church. (§20) This is particularly true of parish life. The parish, St John Paul tells us, is the Church living **“in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters.”** (§26) It becomes a living community because people are prepared to share something of themselves.

That is why we want to gather on **Sunday 18th October at 3.00 pm in the Parish Hall** simply to say thank you. It will be an opportunity to enjoy refreshments, spend time together, and recognise the generosity of so many people who help our parish flourish. But this is also an invitation.

Perhaps you have recently joined the parish. Perhaps you have been coming for years but have never quite known how to become involved. Perhaps you have wondered whether you have anything to offer.

There is *Christifideles Laici* reminds us that every Christian is **“unique and irreplaceable”** and is entrusted with a contribution to the life of the Church. (§28) There are many different gifts and many different ways of serving. So please come along — whether you have volunteered for forty years, four months, or have never volunteered before. This parish is our home; it is important that we are invested in the life of the parish.

Together, with Christ at the centre, we can continue building a welcoming, joyful and living parish for the generations still to come.

Fr Tenny.

26 Sunday of Yr A = Sunday 27 September 2026

Date	Times	Service	Intention
Saturday 26 September	6.00 pm	Mass	John Grantham
Sunday 27 September	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	Malcolm Dillingham People of the Parish
Monday 28 September		NO MASS	
Tuesday 29 September	9.45 am 10.00 am	Morning Prayer Mass	
Wednesday 30 September	9.45 am 10.00 am	Morning Prayer Mass	
Thursday 1 October	6.45 pm 7.00 pm	Evening Prayer Mass	
Friday 2 October	9.45 am 10.00 am	Morning Prayer Mass	Graham and Eijkenboom Families
Saturday 3 October	11.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Hour Mass	and Confessions Olena Krawczuk
Sunday 4 October	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	Barbara & Brian Head

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us,
O Lord, you have done with true
judgement, for we have sinned
against you and not obeyed your
commandments.
But give glory to your name and deal
with us according to the bounty of
your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm: Remember your compassion, O Lord.

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep hear my voice, says
the Lord, and I know them,
and they follow me.
Alleluia!

READINGS:

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Psalm 25: 4-9 resp v6
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

Parish News



Scripture Course: The Gospel of St. John begins on Friday.

Subject: Introduction to the Gospel & the Prologue John 1,1-18.

In Person: Friday at 10.00am at St Michael's Sonning Common

On line: Thursday 1 October at 7.30pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84772799050?wd=wgDMpjayNdaom2ZdqBP8NAGTM2EDCn.1>

Meeting ID: 847 7279 9050 Passcode: 034423

The talks can be found on our website: *'The God who speaks'*

Change of Mass Times:

Thursday 7.00pm

There will be an extra Mass particularly for those who are working.
An Evening Mass will be celebrated every week on Thursday at 7.00pm
Vespers (Evening Prayer) will be celebrated at 6.45pm

South Oxfordshire Deanery Visitation

This weekend we begin the Visitation of the Deanery. Archbishop Bernard and Bishop Richard will visit the Churches across the area, with a particular focus upon the proposed merger of the parishes. We begin with St. Michael, Sonning Common 27 September; St. Edmund Campion, Watlington 25 October; St John, Goring & Christ the King, Woodcote 8 November; St Joseph, Thame 28 November; St. Anne, Caversham 6 December; **Sacred Heart, Henley 6 December.**

Mass at Culham Sunday 27 September at 6.30pm Mass is held in the Chapel of Christ the Redeemer at Culham on the last Sunday of each month at 6.30pm, and at 12.00 noon on Holidays of Obligation. Please contact the Secretary if you would like to attend: admin@culhamchapeltrust.org



Please pray for:

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: John Grantham, Denis O'Mahony.

May they rest in peace