Hymn 801 Love divine, all loves excelling.
924 Brother, Sister, let me serve you. 339 My soul is filled with joy.

Mass at Culham Sunday 25 October at 6.30pm
Mass is held in the Chapel of Christ the Redeemer at Culham on the last Sunday of each month at 6.30 pm, and at 12.00 noon on Holidays of Obligation. Please contact the Secretary if you would like to attend: admin@culhamchapeltrust.org



Baptism:
we welcome into the family of Christ and his Church
Grace Pinkstone
May the seed of faith planted today, grow abundantly.

Confirmation:
the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celbrated by Bishop Richard Walker on Saturday 5 June at 6.00pm

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Standing Orders for September 2026

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£ 3,503.00 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

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The merger of parishes across South Oxfordshire.

Discerning the case for change:

It may become evident that a change is required for pastoral, practical or financial reasons, which can include discerning the position today and preparing for a very different scenario in the future, when there will be half as many priests as today. These considerations have been discussed over the last year during the deanery discussions, and as part of the Diocesan plan and as part of our Deanery visitation. Decisions are guided by long-term thinking, ensuring sustainable parishes and responsible stewardship of resources for the future. Structural changes are tools to support the Diocesan Vision, enabling better pastoral care, evangelisation, outreach and the vibrant life of our communities.

The decision to merge parishes are made to strengthen pastoral care, improve parish life and make the best use of resources. If implemented and managed well, these changes are the answer to what priests have been telling us for years, that they are overworked (and many are), cannot take time off for holidays etc and are burdened with too much administration, health and safety etc. It gives them an opportunity to spend more time on sacramental ministry, do more of what they enjoy (and less of what they do not) and are good at. For those approaching retirement, it may allow them to remain active for longer if they wish and continue to live as part of a supportive community.

Working as a team or group of parishes will better protect vulnerable rural parishes from 'failure' due to less clergy, dwindling numbers and finances, increasing property costs. It gives them the opportunity to be part of a 'community of communities' with invitations to join other parishes in mass, prayer, pilgrimages, social events etc and be part of a larger vibrant and joyful community.

Canon Paul



On Wednesday 28th October, the relics of St Gerard Majella will be at English Martyrs, Reading (RG30 2EB) for a 7pm Mass followed by individual or family blessings. St Gerard is the patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession.

See poster for details - all welcome, and bring your petitions to this little saint!"

30 Sunday of Yr A = Sunday 25 October 2026

Date	Times	Service	Intention
Saturday 24 October	6.00 pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 25 October	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	Stefania Hrabowy Andrew Richmond
Monday 26 October		NO MASS	
Tuesday 27 October	9.45 am 10.00 am	Morning Prayer Mass	
Wednesday 28 October	9.45 am 10.00 am	Morning Prayer Mass	
Thursday 29 October	6.45 pm **7.00 pm**	Evening Prayer **Mass**	
Friday 30 October	9.45 am 10.00 am	Morning Prayer Mass	Graham and Eijkenboom Families
Saturday 31 October	6.00 pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 1 November	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	Malcolm Dillingham Rosie Mechin (w)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; Turn to the Lord and his strength; Constantly seek his face.

Responsorial Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength

Alleluia, alleluia!
If anyone loves me;
he will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him,
and we will come to him.
Alleluia!

READINGS:

Exodus 22:201-27
Psalm 18: 1, 2-4, 47-51
1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10
Matthew 22: 34-40

Parish News

Missionary Appeal: Daughters of Divine Love:
This weekend we will be joined by a religious sister making an appeal.

The Daughters of Divine Love is an International Congregation founded in Nigeria in 1969 and a member of the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales. They educate, care for, and add value to the lives of the less privileged in society. Their charity home in Nigeria and school for indigent children in Kenya provide care and education for orphans, motherless, abandoned children, street children/teenagers, and children with special needs/HIV. Their aim is always to serve the less privileged and the marginalized in society. In everything that they do, the love of Christ impels them to respond to the cry of the poor and the vulnerable with concrete actions.

Following the guidelines of the Bishops of England and Wales, the appeal includes a short reflection on the day's liturgy. This is followed by a reference to the work of the Missionary Sisters, to the vocation of being a missionary that belongs to us all by virtue of our Baptism, and to its implications.



Our cakes and refreshments *'thank you'* event was a great success with 45 present. Thank you to all who attended.

Next ...

Sunday Lunch together 15 November

contact Sabrina



Month of November = Holy Souls

Sunday 1 November - Blessing of Graves

The annual Blessing of Graves will take place at Fairmile Cemetery at 12.00 noon. Please gather at Canon Toplass' grave.

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:

Eveline Atkinson, Malcolm Dillingham, Anita Tidbury-Hill, Anno Cheesman. **May they rest in peace**

