



# Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

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## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Times, Intentions and Services		
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	09:30 18:00	No Mass, John Cullen - RIP No Mass, KK – RIP 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	09:00	No Mass
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	19:00 19:30	No Mass,
Wednesday 01 <sup>st</sup> April	09:00	No Mass
Thursday 02 <sup>nd</sup> April	18.30 19.00	No Mass,
First Friday 03 <sup>rd</sup> April	19.00	No Mass
Saturday 04 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00 10:30	No Mass,
Sunday 05 <sup>th</sup> April	09:30 18:00	Sabas & Lourdes Ballbag

Rotas	This Week	Next Week
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Annie S, Rolly E, Jenny P	Anne MS, Rolly E. Jenny P
	John T, Juniya J	John T, Juniya J
<b>Readers</b>	Michelle A, Benedict A, Salome B	Kylla A, Rochelle G, Jocelyn E
	Maeva PV, Reemon J, Reemon J	Priya C, Jason W, Maeva PV
<b>Cleaning</b>	African Community	Filipino Community

### Counting

Chris Phil

Lilian, Kylla

### Recent dead:

Baptism:

**Anniversaries:** - KK, Charlie O'Conner, Betty Kellett, Kames Craig, Mary Batten, Samuel Williams, Jack & Kathleen Duffy.

### Parish finances last week

Offerings:

Second collection:

## News

### Mass Suspension Information

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales announced that the public celebration of Mass is going to be suspended, starting from the evening of Friday 20th March, in order to prevent the spread of Coronavirus. This means that all services at Sacred Heart including the 9:30am Mass and 6:pm Sunday Mass, will be suspended until further notice. If you or someone you know in the parish is self-isolating and is in need of any support, such as help with shopping or a chat on the phone, please get in touch with the Parish Office: Email: [sacredheartchurch.oxford@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartchurch.oxford@gmail.com) Phone: 01865 776903 or 01865 762964. Corpus Christi Parish in Headington will continue to be live streaming weekday and Sunday Mass, and more details can be found at <https://corpuschristiheadington.co.uk>. Also, you can please visit the parish website: <https://sacredheartoxford.com>.

**Sunday Reflection from Fr. Pius Duke:** We live in a world where death is more talked about than life. Since the advent of the Coronavirus pandemic, we are tormented daily with the news of the horror and tragedy of this sickness and the rising number of deaths. Ours has become a world dominated by death. Although we believe in Christ, it is natural, right, and healthy that we should grieve when death robs us of a loved one; the tears still fall when a friend or relative dies. Yet we are not overwhelmed. We draw strength from the Gospel, and our faith in Christ sustains us. We are like people who feel sad at the onset of autumn when the world turns bare and empty, despite their sure belief that spring will renew everything once more. For us eternal life is not something that begins when we die. It begins the moment we hear the voice of Christ and believe in him. Thus, even in the midst of winter, we know that spring is already quietly at work, though its full blossoming is still in the future. By raising Lazarus to life, Jesus shows that he has power over death and life. He declares that he is the resurrection and life. Through his death and resurrection, Christ has destroyed death and restored life. He is the one who enables us to have faith and hope in the new life that will last forever and is all happiness. However, to enjoy this life, St Paul tells us to do things that are pleasing to God and shun unspiritual or carnal things that makes us materialistic, selfish, greedy, egoistic and careless. 'Fear not that your life will come to an end; rather fear that it may never have begun' (Thoreau). **Fr. Pius Duke**

**We will pray for your Mass intentions when saying the Mass Privately. Thank you and God Bless. Fr. Pius and Fr. Vincent.**