



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Mass Times, Intentions and Services		
Sunday 07 th June	09:30	Mass in private for John PM (RIP)
	18:00	Mass in Private for all lonely or isolated
Monday 08 th June	09:00	Mass in private for all persecuted Christians in the world
Tuesday 09 th June	10:00	Mass in private for the sick and the housebound
Wednesday 10 th June	09:00	Mass in private for those suffering economic hardships
Thursday 11 th June	19:00	Mass in private for all health and care workers
Friday 12 th June	09:00	Mass in private for the wellbeing of our parish
Saturday 13 th June	10:00	Mass in private for all who died from COVID 19
Sunday 14 th June	09:30	Mass in private for the people of the Parish
	18:00	Mass in Private for all lonely or isolated

Offertory (collections): Normal weekend collections cannot be taken under current circumstances. While recognising that this is a very difficult time financially for many people, others may still wish to continue their regular Sunday donations, if they are not already using the envelopes or standing order facilities. Donations may be sent to the Parish even through standing order. We do not receive any financial support from the Diocese, and other sources of income like hall rental.

Mass Suspension Information

COVID 19: 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 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>

<https://greyfriarsoxford.weebly.com>

Also, you can visit the parish website: <https://sacredheartoxford.com>.

Sunday Reflection from Fr. Pius Duke

A week after Pentecost, the Church invites us to celebrate and reflect on the Blessed Trinity. The Holy Bible really does not specifically define the Trinity but by references and inferences, conjectured definitions are provided in many scriptural texts like the plural noun in Genesis 1:26 "Let us make man in our own image," "Go then to all peoples...baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19), and immediately after Jesus' baptism at the Jordan River, a voice announced "you are my beloved son" and a dove-like image hovered over his head (Mark 1: 11). These images and several others provide a Trinitarian formula that authenticate the presence of the trinity. Therefore, the formula we recite when we make the sign of cross points to the deepest mystery of the Christian faith and it is the most common profession of our faith which leads us into prayer. Through the wording of the Trinitarian formula, we express the profound truth that God is both one and Three, for we speak of three Persons with a single Name (CCC 232-237).

This truth is the central mystery of our faith and of the Christian life, and we show its centrality in our lives when we make the sign of the cross over our body before every liturgical celebration or private prayer. A further trinitarian formula is seen in the prayer and blessing expressed by Paul: "May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you," and May the Almighty God bless you the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit." The above formula was well known and understood by Paul as expressed in his writings (1Cor. 16:23; 2 Cor. 13: 14; Gal 6: 18; Phil 4: 2). The Holy Trinity, therefore, is the summary of love among the three persons in one God head. God is love. he established a covenant with human beings because of love. He reveals himself to each one of us in our life experience. As the Father, the Son and the Spirit are one, so we are in communion with the Divine Persons and should also be united among ourselves in love and fraternity. May this Trinitarian love inspire us to spread goodness, mercy, and kindness that brings healing and reconciliation to our world.

Advanced notice: The next Parish Pastoral Council will be on Sunday 14 June at 8pm, using zoom. Please help us by getting those on pastoral council to send Chris (beward@maths.ox.ac.uk) their email addresses.

Online Parish Tea Party: Sunday 07th June at 3.00 pm using Zoom. Please contact Chris Beward (beward@maths.ox.ac.uk).

Masses will be celebrated each day privately by the parish clergy for your intentions. New Mass intention should be sent to sacredheartchurchoxford@gmail.com.

As the Body of Christ, let us pray...

Leader: Loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we come before you today, celebrating your presence in our lives, and in our world. We believe in you. We trust in you. We hope in you. We ask you to hear even the unspoken prayers hidden deep within our hearts.

On this Trinity Sunday, we reflect on the mystery of God as we gather to worship the Father who creates, the Son who redeems and the Holy Spirit who sanctifies. We pray for the grace to appreciate the wonderful gifts of the Trinity: three persons, one God, without end. **Lord in your mercy...**

We pray for Pope Francis and all religious leaders, that they will be filled with the love of the Father, the self-sacrifice of the Son and the compassion of the Holy Spirit as they work to inspire hope and trust during this global pandemic. **Lord in your mercy...**

We pray for those who have difficulty in accepting the invitation of Jesus to be open to the Spirit and to live by his message. We pray that the Lord look kindly on them and, through his Holy Spirit, bestow on them the great gift of faith. **Lord in your mercy...**

We pray for an end to racism, hate and violence in the world; may we see that every human life is precious, crafted in your image, made to reflect the breath-taking beauty of a multi-coloured creation. We pray that the tragic death of George Floyd would bring peoples together to overcome racism in our communities and the across the world. **Lord in your mercy...**

We pray for everyone in international, national and local leadership during this period of Covid-19 decision-making, that they might use wisdom and compassion as they discern the way forward. We also pray for you healing and mercy for those in our community affected by the virus and all who care for them. **Lord in your mercy...**

We remember our brother and sisters who have died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time and ask that you welcome them into your eternal Kingdom. We ask Mother of Jesus to intercede for us as we say, **Hail, Holy Queen**, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears! Turn, then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. **Leader:** Blessed Trinity of life and love, be the centre of our loves. Be the focus of our love. **Amen.**