



# Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

## *Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2021*

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Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> June <b><i>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</i></b>	9.00 am 6.00 pm	<i>Cecilia Michael Bentura, Rosa, Florinda, Adriano, Daniel &amp; Antonia</i>
Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15 am	<i>Fr. Bill Carroll SDB (Anniversary)</i>
Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>(9.15 am at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Kathryn Allsworth (Intentions)</i>
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> June <i>Op. Mem. of St. Columba, Abbot or St. Ephrem, Deacon &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>	No Public Mass Today	
Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> June	6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	<i>Crispin, Claudia, Bendita, Deonigio, Carolina &amp; Guido Gomes - RIP</i>
Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> June <b><i>Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i></b>	<b>9.15 am</b> <i>(7.00 pm at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>The People of the Parish Tommy Gildea (Birthday)</i>
Saturday, 12 <sup>th</sup> June <i>Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	No Public Mass Today	
Sunday, 13 <sup>th</sup> June <b><i>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b>	9.00 am 6.00 pm	<i>Tusin T Vilandva Herminha Madeira</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

**Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass.**

Today we are celebrating the solemnity of Corpus Christi – “The Body of Christ”.

**In Holy Communion Jesus feeds us with His Body and Blood and so shares with us His own life.**

**If you have recently moved into this parish, or if you are returning after lockdown, please come and say hello to me. Thank you.**

**This Friday is the Feast of the Sacred Heart** – our parish Feast Day. We shall say the Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart before the Mass on Thursday evening, and then there will be a special Mass here on Friday morning at 9.15. Happy Feast Day everyone.

**Please pray for those we know who are sick, including Jesmi Peiris, Domenico Mirto and Regina Soares.** If you are ill and you would like to ask for prayers on this newsletter, let me know (in writing, please).

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sr. Bruna, Patrick Griffiths, Ivor Bridgewater, Joe McLoughlin** and for the souls of all who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bishop James Dey, Mgr. Bernard Robinson, Frs. Peter Gallagher, Denis Shiel CO, Thomas Hampton, John Arthur McIver, John P. Lane, Timothy Cronin, William Quinn, Gerard McArdle, Cyril Adams and Deacon Peter Phelan. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

**Mass at Home.** You are welcome to Sacred Heart for Mass, but if you wish to join us for Mass from your home, we can Zoom the Mass to you (please email me for a link). Alternatively, you could watch the Mass on Saturday, 5.30 pm, and/or Sunday, 11.00 am from Our Lady's where we are now live and can be viewed at <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>

Here is a prayer, **an Act of Spiritual Communion**, which you can say as you watch a Livestream Mass:

*"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You."*

**Pastoral Letter.** Next weekend a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Bernard will be read out at all Masses. The Pastoral Letter is focused on the Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's Plan. The Archbishop will introduce the Vision and how we intend to move forward as an Archdiocese over the coming years. As we make a fresh beginning after more than a year of lockdowns and restrictions, our aim is for clergy and the lay faithful to work closely to create vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour. The Letter will be accompanied by a prayer card and will also be available in audio and video format via the diocesan website, for which details will be given next week.

**"Putting *Laudato Si* Into Practice".** There will be a talk by Dr. Sam Ewell, author and *Laudato Si* activist, on Zoom on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 7.00-8.30 pm. In Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter, "Caring for our Common Home" or *Laudato Si*, we are called to care for our common home. What determines the impact of our discipleship is our capacity to trust and to show fidelity to the promise of abundant life together (John 10:10) and the duty to care. This is an opportunity to reflect on how our following of Christ engages us with the current climate change crisis. Please email [actabhm@gmail.com](mailto:actabhm@gmail.com) to register your interest.



**A Thank-you Message from CAFOD:** Thanks to your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. In Zambia for

instance, in the past year we've been able to reach 1,234,200 people with messages on COVID-19, provide 13,312 people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities and donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside our brothers and sisters in Zambia and for supporting people in more than 30 other countries worldwide.

**First Holy Communions.** Congratulations to the four children who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday/Monday. Five more children will receive Our Lord for the first time at the evening Mass today. Please pray for them and their families, and for their teachers.

**Community Sponsorship Event.** The government has just announced a long-term future for Community Sponsorship of refugees – a national scheme co-designed and piloted by Catholic parishes. All are invited to join a national Catholic celebration of the scheme via Zoom on 14<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00 pm co-hosted by Caritas Social Action (CSAN) and Reset. CSAN is the official agency for Catholic social action in England and Wales. Reset is the scheme's national training provider. Find out how you can get involved and hear from refugees and parishes about its transformative impact. To register visit: [www.communitysponsorship.org.uk/events](http://www.communitysponsorship.org.uk/events)

**Ask your MP to sign a Parliamentary motion to stop 'DIY' abortion.** Carla Lockhart MP has launched a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to end 'DIY' home abortion. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible sign Carla Lockhart's motion to send a clear message to the Government that they must end dangerous 'DIY' home abortion services as soon as possible. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to sign the motion. Please click the link below to contact your MP now. [www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYmotion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYmotion)

**Tailpiece:** A priest was preaching about the dangers of alcohol. He announced, 'If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.' With even greater emphasis he added, 'And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.' Finally, he intoned, 'And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.' He then sat down and the choirmaster announced the final hymn: 'Shall We Gather at the River.'

**May God bless you and all those you love.  
Fr. Harry**