



# Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

## *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

15<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

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### Happy Easter, everyone.

### Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Sunday, 15 <sup>th</sup> May <b><i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i></b>	<b>7.45 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass 3.00 pm Baptism 6.00 pm Mass	Margaret Crowe Elon Pasha Peter & Comseetha Peter
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Easter Feria</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Thomas (Intentions)
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Easter Feria</i> Day of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>(9.30 am Mass at Our Lady's)</b>	Arthur Borthwick (B'day)
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Op. Mem. of St. John I, Pope, Martyr</i>	No Public Mass Today	Special Intention
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Op. Mem. of St. Dunstan, Bishop</i>	(1.30 pm Funeral Service at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Philomena Hilsdon Nossa Senhora da Penha
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Op. Mem. of St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest, Religious, Missionary</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Konrad Mihailov
Saturday, 21 <sup>st</sup> May <i>Op. Mem. of St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer No Public Mass Today	
Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May <b><i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i></b>	<b>7.45 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass 6.00 pm Mass	Margaret Crowe Cosme Ximenes and Adelina Fatima Lemos
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, 5.30 - 6.45 pm		

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

**If you have recently moved into our parish please say hello to me. Thank you.**

**May is the Month of Our Lady.** If you don't already pray the Rosary, why not try it out during this month. It is best done with others, perhaps in your family or with a group of friends. You could start with a Decade (one Our Father, ten Hail Marys and a Glory Be) each day.

**Mass at Home.** We are no longer streaming the Sunday morning Mass from Sacred Heart on Zoom. But as an alternative you could watch the Mass on Saturday, 5.30 pm, and/or Sunday, 11.00 am from Our Lady's where it is livestreamed and can be viewed at <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>.

*"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."*

## Prayer at the end of Mass:

*Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia;  
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,  
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia:  
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.*

**O Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.  
For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia,  
Has risen as he said, alleluia.  
Pray for us to God, alleluia.**

Please pray for Kevin and Hilary Kirby, Barry Holland, Betty Duff and Eileen McGarry, and all those we know who are sick.

Please pray for the souls of **Philomena Hilsdon, Deacon Jack Foxall, Paul Boggs, Peter Nottingham** and all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Canon Wilfrid Smith, Mgr. John Humphreys, Frs. Cathal Cassidy, Denis Hickling, Thomas Canning, Joseph Griffin, Ernest Cook and William Lyons, and also Margaret Boyle and Rozan Peiris. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

**Wanted! A gardener.** We need someone to cut the bushes down to a manageable size around the church, and clear up. We do have tools. If you can help, please talk to Jacqui.

**Refreshments are available after the 9.00 Mass in the Parish Hall. Come and have a chat with friends.**

### Sacraments:

- **Congratulations to** Samuel and Sophie de Gouveia who were married in Madeira yesterday. May God bless them in their life together.
- **Baptism.** Today we welcome Elon Pasha into the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for him and for his family.
- **Confirmation.** Bishop William will be coming to Sacred Heart church to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for four of our children on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> May at the 6.00 pm Mass. It would be nice if we could celebrate with music and perhaps a party afterwards. If you could help I should like to hear from you, please.
- **First Holy Communion.** Please pray for the children who are preparing to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> June. There are several children preparing. I had intended that some of them would come to the 9.00 am Mass that day, and the others would come to the 6.00 pm Mass. However, it seems that they have all opted to come to the 9.00 am Mass. That does make it easier in some ways, but it means there will be a large congregation at the 9.00 Mass on that day. Please be warned!

**Easter Duties.** All Catholics who have made their First Holy Communion should receive the Holy Eucharist sometime between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost Sunday. They should also take part in the Sacrament of Penance before receiving this Easter Communion.

**Marian Devotions.** As part of the May Devotions to Our Lady, the Syro-Malabar community will conduct a 24 hrs adoration to the Blessed Sacrament from 8.00 pm on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> May, to 8.00 pm on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May, here at Sacred Heart Church. All welcome to join.

**Ascension Thursday.** We shall celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May. This would normally be a Holyday of Obligation and there will be Mass here at Sacred Heart at 7.00 pm.

**Good Shepherd Mass.** Traditionally, each Lent school children all over the Archdiocese raise money for Father Hudson's Care. It is an old appeal, dating back to when children would collect coins during the early days of the charity and is now one of Fr. Hudson's biggest and most vital fundraising campaigns. Each year, at the end of the appeal, there is a celebration of Mass at a number of churches across the Archdiocese. This year they have asked to celebrate the Mass at Our Lady's. It will be on Tuesday of this week, starting at 9.30 (please note the slightly later start). Children from Our Lady's School will be there and Canon Paul Fitzpatrick will be the main celebrant. Other schools will be invited to join through the live streaming. Please join us if you can for what should be a joyful occasion.

**St John Fisher Catholic Primary School.** "We have places in our 30-hour nursery and part-time nursery for September 2022. Come and pick up a form from Mrs Williams in the school office. Mrs Williams is happy to go through forms to help you with completion. Use the address below to find out more or call our school office on Tel: 01865 779676. <https://st-john-fisher.oxon.sch.uk/learning/classes/st-nicholas-nursery-class/st-nicholas-nursery-class-information/>"

**Queen's Platinum Jubilee (2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> June).** I have been trying to think how we could celebrate this suitably as a parish community. Any suggestions (and offers of help) would be gratefully received.

**Tailpiece:** Two boys were overheard discussing what they had told the priest during their First Confession. "I couldn't think of anything to say," said one, "So I told him I'd stolen some money from my Mum's purse, although I hadn't really." "But why didn't you tell him that you'd scratched 'Aston Villa' on that desk?" asked the other. "You're joking!" exclaimed the first. "I'd get into trouble for that!"

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