



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Third Sunday of Easter

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Happy Easter, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Sunday, 1 st May Third Sunday of Easter	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass 6.00 pm Mass	Francisco G. Ximenes Ceanne Netto
Monday, 2 nd May <i>Memorial of St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	The People of the Parish
Tuesday, 3 rd May <i>Feast of Ss. Philip and James, Apostles</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Jean Hinchon (Birthday)
Wednesday, 4 th May <i>Feast of the English Martyrs</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Clare Curtis
Thursday, 5 th May <i>Easter Feria</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	John & Family (Thanksgiving)
Friday, 6 th May <i>Easter Feria</i> First Friday	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Bridie Barry (Birthday)
Saturday, 7 th May <i>Easter Feria</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer No Public Mass Today	
Sunday, 8 th May Fourth Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass 6.00 pm Mass	Celestino De Deus The People of the Parish
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, or if you are returning after lockdown, please say hello to me. Thank you.

The Easter Season

The Easter Season began on Easter Sunday, and ends after Evening Prayer on Pentecost Sunday.

These fifty days are a very special time and, as St. Athanasius wrote, they “are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one great Sunday.”

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.”

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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.**

Next Sunday is “Good Shepherd Sunday” or Vocations Sunday. It is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life in our Archdiocese. There will be the annual collection at Masses for the Clergy Training Fund which helps to support our seminarians and diaconate students.

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.

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.

Please pray for Betty Duff and Eileen McGarry, and all those we know who are sick.

Please pray for the souls of David (“Scottie”) Johnman, Patrick Murphy, Stephen Bradley, Philomena Hilsdon, Frs. Edward Simpson SCJ and Laurence Crowe, Deacon Jack Foxall, Peter Nottingham and all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Bishop Joseph Gray, Canon Bernard Hurrill, Frs. Thomas William O'Connor, David Duggan, Michael Byrne, James Dutton, Donal O'Connor and also L.F.Peter. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Gift Aid Envelopes. There are still a few of the new Gift Aid envelopes available to collect from the church porch. If you would like to start or stop using the Gift Aid scheme, please contact Sally McVeigh (01865 779078). We do need more people to be involved in the Gift Aid scheme, please.

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.

Our Lady's School. Many people will be sad to hear that Scottie (David Johnman), the school caretaker of 25 years, died on Easter Monday aged 83. He worked at the school until the very end! His funeral will be this Thursday, 5th May, 3pm in Oxford Crematorium. *The hearse will be coming to Our Lady's school at 2.15pm on Thursday, 5th May, and will be pausing in the car park. All parishioners are most welcome to join the school community if you wish to pay your respects.*

Diocesan Directories. The new directories (or as they are now called, “Year Books”) are now available. If you want to know anything about our diocese, this is the book for you. Spiral-bound £4.50, normal binding £3.50.

Please pray for Samuel de Gouveia and Sophie Band as they prepare for their marriage in Madeira, on Saturday, 14th May.

Accommodation required. Does anyone know of, or can offer, affordable short-term accommodation to rent for a Catholic family (parents, four-year-old twins and a baby) coming to live in Oxford, from Ireland, for six months this July? Please contact Dierdre Barry (D.Hurley@hotmail.com)

First Holy Communion classes will continue on Thursday this week at 4.30 pm. Because the hall is being used for the local elections on Thursday, please come to the church for the class.

Annual May Procession at Littlemore, next Sunday 8th May at 2.30 pm. Rosary in the Newman College Garden then Procession to Blessed Dominic Barberi, with the Crowning of Our Lady and Benediction.

St Scholastica's Retreat – Sheltered Housing for Catholics – Job Opportunity. Competitive Salary, pension, and accommodation onsite in Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire. The Trustees are seeking to appoint a Warden and Clerk to the Trustees for this almshouse charity that provides sheltered housing for Catholics in financial need aged 60 or over. Closing date: Monday 9th May. For details of the role and how to apply see: www.stscholasticas.co.uk/warden-clerk-vacancy

Vacancies. Our Lady's School are recruiting primary teachers for September, 2022. The full adverts are on the school website: www.ourladyscowley.co.uk. Closing date is Friday, 6th May, at 5pm.

Tailpiece: A priest who was trying to encourage his congregation to sing a hymn called, “I Cannot Help But Wonder Where I'm Bound” was given a possible clue. He was dancing up and down the aisle, waving his arms wildly above his head, when suddenly he disappeared through a faulty grille in the floor. He came to rest on a pile of coke that fired the church's heating system.

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