



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Happy Easter, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Sunday, 22 nd May <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass 6.00 pm Mass	Tom Hiceta Cosme Ximenes and Adelina Fatima Lemos
Monday, 23 rd May <i>Easter Feria</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Josie McCrave (Ints.)
Tuesday, 24 th May <i>Easter Feria</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's) (6.00 pm Confirmation Mass at Our Lady's)	The People of the Parish The Confirmandi
Wednesday, 25 th May <i>Mem. of St. Bede, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	Wendy Piper (Ints.)
Thursday, 26 th May <i>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</i>	(12.00 noon Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Barry Williams Peter Villar
Friday, 27 th May <i>Feast of St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Daniel Tang
Saturday, 28 th May <i>Easter Feria</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer No Public Mass Today	
Sunday, 29 th May <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i> <i>World Communications Day</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass 6.00 pm Confirmation Mass	Mary and Patrick McGroarty The People of the Parish
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, 6.00 - 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass today.

Ascension Thursday. We shall celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven this Thursday, 26th May. This would normally be a Holyday of Obligation and there will be Mass here at Sacred Heart at 7.00 pm, and also at Our Lady's at 12.00 noon.

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Brenda O'Meara, Claudino Serra Vaz, Janet Oakley, Filomeno Da Cruz Martins, Phil Bawden, Kevin and Hilary Kirby, David (3 years old), 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: Mgr. Wilfrid Moore, Canon John Francis Hughes, Frs. Thomas Foyne, Thomas Bagnall, Michael McKenna, Patrick Taylor, John Kearns, James Francis Ward and Dermot Corcoran, and also Benjamin and Sarah Curtis, the Maloney Family, and Joseph Cleary. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

First Collection for 15th May: £234.67; Gift Aid: £74.50. **Second Collection:** £28.19; Gift Aid: £1.00.

Clergy Training Fund: £5.40. Thank you.

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.**

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

Sacraments:

- **Confirmation.** Bishop William will be coming to Sacred Heart church to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for four of our children next Sunday, 29th 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, 19th 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!

This Tuesday, 24th May, the rest of the country will be celebrating a feria, but in Cowley it is the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians, the Patronal Feast Day of the church. There will be Mass there at 9.15 in the morning, which will be attended by the children from Our Lady's School. There will be special refreshments in the Don Bosco Centre after Mass. All welcome.

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.

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.

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, 30th May, to 8.00 pm on Tuesday, 31st May, here at Sacred Heart Church. All welcome to join.

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. Blackbird Leys Parish Council invite us to a Jubilee picnic on Sunday, 5th June, at Blackbird Leys Community Centre. The event will be from 11.00 am – 4.00 pm. This will be a free family day filled with lots of activities, soft drinks, & more.

Ukraine Refugee Support. The Archbishop has written to request that all parishes have a special collection for Ukrainian refugees. He has asked Fr. Hudson's Care on behalf of the Archdiocese to coordinate a response to the many generous offers of help and they are now involved in matching individuals and families here willing to host individuals and families from Ukraine. They want to establish a Diocesan fund:

- To recruit a worker for up to 6 months who will support the host and refugee families.
- Some families and individuals who arrive will need destitution support.
- Some existing Catholic Ukrainian communities in the Archdiocese may also request some of this funding to enable their work of welcome to thrive.

There will be a second collection this weekend for this. If you wish to gift aid a donation, please do so via www.justgiving.com/campaign/aobukrainianappeal.

The Oxford Corpus Christi procession returns this year on Sunday, 19th June. It will start from the Oratory at 2:30 pm and end with Benediction and refreshments at the University Chaplaincy. First communicants can wear their outfits. Children are invited to throw flower petals.

Tailpiece: Back in the days before you could download music from the internet, a customer went into a record shop and asked one of the assistants, “Have you any records of Gregorian Chant, please?” “I don't know,” came the innocent reply. “Does he sing with a band?”

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