



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Happy Easter, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

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 Mass	<i>Mary and Patrick McGroarty</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>
Monday, 30 th May <i>The Dedication of the Church</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	<i>Deacon Bill Parker (Anniv.)</i>
Tuesday, 31 st May <i>Feast of the Visitation</i>	No Public Mass Today	<i>The People of the Parish</i>
Wednesday, 1 st June <i>Memorial of St. Justin, Martyr</i>	No Public Mass Today	<i>Margaret Griffin (Anniversary)</i>
Thursday, 2 nd June <i>Optional Memorial of Ss. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	<i>Benefactors of the Johnson Ass.</i> <i>Deacon Bill Parker</i>
Friday, 3 rd June <i>Memorial of St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	<i>Emmi Egbuonu</i>
Saturday, 4 th June <i>Easter Feria</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer No Public Mass Today	
Sunday, 5 th June <i>Solemnity of Pentecost</i> <i>Day of Prayer for the Church</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass 6.00 pm Confirmation Mass	<i>Francisco G Ximenes</i> <i>Special Intention</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, 6.00 - 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass today.

Last Thursday we celebrated the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven, but we are still celebrating His resurrection. The Easter Season ends after Evening Prayer next Sunday, the Solemnity of Pentecost.

Confirmations. This evening at the 6.00 pm Mass we welcome Bishop William to Sacred Heart church to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for Miguel, Alicja, Dion Peter and Ashley. Please pray for them and for their families.

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 all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Wilfrid Doran, Canons Benedict Tarbuck and Harry Bouchier, Frs. Joseph Lacy, Cornelius Healy, William O'Brien, Charles Dessain (Cong. Orat.), John Avery Lane and John Crean, Deacon William Parker, and also Sr. Bruna Livieri FMA, Margaret Griffin, Claire Healey and Nicholas Cleary. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

First Friday. This Friday is the first of the month and we shall say the Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart before Mass on Thursday evening. **Please note that because of the Bank Holiday, the Friday Mass at Our Lady's this week will be in the morning NOT the evening.**

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.**

**Sacred Heart Grand Prize Draw. Great prizes.
Tickets are available today; £1 for a book.**

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 will be a larger than normal congregation at the 9.00 Mass on that day. Please be warned!

May is the Month of Our Lady. As part of the May Devotions to Our Lady, the Syro-Malabar community will conduct 24 hours of adoration of 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.

TODAY! Day of Prayer for Vocations at Our Lady's

Church. Every church in the Diocese is allotted one day during the year when they are asked to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for Vocations. **Today, Sunday, 29th May,** is the annual Day at Our Lady's. There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 11.00 am Mass until 4.00 pm. All are invited and welcome. Our allocated Day here in Sacred Heart will be on Monday 11th July.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. Next Saturday pilgrims from across the Archdiocese will go to Lourdes for the annual pilgrimage for the first time since the pandemic. You can follow it with daily updates from Lourdes on www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/lourdes-daily

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, and more.

Today is World Communications Sunday. We have all heard about "false news" and how lies and distorted truths are spread. In contrast, the Communications Office of the Catholic Church in England and Wales (CCN) seeks to promote the Gospel through the media. Today we are asked to pray for those who work in the media, and a second collection will be held at Masses to help fund the work of the CCN. Thank you for your kind generosity towards this important work.

Parish Council Meeting. Next Sunday evening after the 6.00 Mass I should like to have a (short!) meeting of the Parish Council. We have a few things to think about as we move out of the restrictions imposed by the pandemic and re-discover our community. We won't be able to do much on Sunday, but it would help to start thinking about things, and hopefully there is something to suit everyone. Please have a think about these:

- Publicity and updating our records
- Spirituality – praying for the parish and developing our prayer-life
- Fund-raising
- Hospitality – e.g., arranging lifts for people to come to Mass
- Music and Liturgy
- Social – planning events that help to bring the parish together
- Groundwork – keeping the front of the church looking good
- Youth work – helping young people to be a part of the parish

My Day By Day Book for June is now available at the back of church (price £1).

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: Two children were overheard talking about their progress in Religious Education. "I'm doing Original Sin," boasted one. "That's nothing," scoffed the other. "I'm way beyond Redemption."

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