



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8th May, 2022

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Happy Easter, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

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	<i>Celestino De Deus</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>
Monday, 9 th May <i>Easter Feria</i>	<i>8.00 am</i> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	<i>Special Intention</i>
Tuesday, 10 th May <i>Opt. Mem. of St. John of Avila, Priest</i> <i>Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>8.00 am</i> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Michael Iago (Anniversary)</i>
Wednesday, 11 th May <i>Easter Feria</i>	No Public Mass Today	<i>Mr. R. K. Joshi</i>
Thursday, 12 th May <i>Opt. Mem. of Ss. Nereus & Achilleus,</i> <i>Martyrs, or St. Pancras, Martyr</i>	<i>6.00 pm</i> Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	<i>Special Intention</i>
Friday, 13 th May <i>Optional Memorial of</i> <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	<i>8.00 am</i> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Bridie Barry</i>
Saturday, 14 th May <i>Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle</i>	<i>8.00 am</i> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer No Public Mass Today	
Sunday, 15 th May Fifth Sunday of Easter	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass 3.00 pm Baptism 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Margaret Crowe</i> <i>Elon Pasha</i> <i>Peter & Comseetha Peter</i>
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.

Today 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.

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.**

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, Philomena Hilsdon, Frs. Edward Simpson SCJ and Laurence Crowe, Deacon Jack Foxall, Paul Boggs, Peter Nottingham** and all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Canon Francis Woodward, Frs. Francis Carr, Walter Joret and Patrick Cocklin, Deacon James Duffy, and also Robert Curtis, Mary Kelly, James Doherty, John McAndrew and Tom Thompson. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. 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:

- **Please pray** for Samuel de Gouveia and Sophie Band as they prepare for their marriage in Madeira, next Saturday, 14th May.
- **Baptism.** Next Sunday we shall 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 some of our children on 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 and so some of them will come to the 9.00 am Mass that day, and the others will come to the 6.00 pm Mass.

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.

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)

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 and how to apply see: www.stscholasticas.co.uk/warden-clerk-vacancy

Students. I should like to welcome to Sacred Heart any students who are living in our parish. Please introduce yourself to me, and I wish you every success in your studies. You may be interested in ...

Quo Vadis. Starting this week there is a series of three Zoom sessions for university students on the theme of discernment, including a presentation on the life of a *beatus* (Blessed) by a speaker working within university chaplaincy, followed by a time of prayer.

- Tuesday, 10th May – Bl. Carlo Acutis, by Mgr. Mark Crisp (Wolverhampton University Chaplaincy)
- Monday, 16th May – Bl. Chiara Badano, by Alvea Fernandes (Oxford University Chaplaincy)
- Thursday, 26th May – Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, by Fr. Ray Corbett (Aston University Chaplaincy)

Sessions run 8:00 - 8:45 pm. For more information and to register, visit: www.vocations.org.uk/quo-vadis

Diocesan Response To The Synod. The Diocesan response to The Synod has been completed and sent to the Catholic Bishops' Conference. The Synodal Pathway Team met the recent submission deadline after working through hundreds of responses from parishes, schools, agencies and individuals. The synthesis is available at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

Tailpiece: A man went to Confession and admitted that for years he'd been stealing wood from the yard where he worked. "What did you take?" the priest asked. "Enough to build my own house, my son's house, houses for our two daughters and our cottage at the lake." "This is very serious," the priest told him. "For your penance I want you to make a Novena. Can you do that?" "I don't know, Father," the man replied. "But if you've got the plans, I can get the timber."

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