



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) 19th June, 2022

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Sunday, 19 th June Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) <i>Day for Life</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Cecilia Michael The People of the Parish</i>
Monday, 20 th June <i>Optional Memorial of St. Alban</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	<i>Deceased Grady Family</i>
Tuesday, 21 st June <i>Mem. of St. Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	<i>Dorothy Pill and Peter Rhodes</i>
Wednesday, 22 nd June <i>Feast of St. John Fisher, Bishop, & St. Thomas More, Martyrs</i>	No Public Mass Today	<i>Mr & Mrs Connelly</i>
Thursday, 23 rd June Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist	6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	<i>Nancy McDonnell</i>
Friday, 24 th June Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus <i>(Our Parish Feast Day)</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass (12.00 noon Requiem Mass at Our Lady's) 7.00 pm Mass (the Syro-Malabar community) (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	<i>Special Intention Jane Hannah Boyce Alison Macy Fernandes</i>
Saturday, 25 th June <i>Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 3.00 pm Mass with Baptism	<i>Ermias Hill</i>
Sunday, 26 th June Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Mr. Mrs Connelly The People of the Parish</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, 6.00 - 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass today.

Today we are celebrating the Solemnity of Corpus Christi – “The Body of Christ”.

In Holy Communion Jesus feeds us with His Body and Blood and so shares with us His own life.

First Holy Communion. This weekend I should like to welcome especially the children from our parish who will be receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time. This is the conclusion of many weeks and months of preparation for them, but it is only the beginning of the next stage of their life with Jesus. Please pray for them. A big “Thank You” to their teacher who has been giving her time and energy so generously to prepare them for this day. Some of the pews in the church have been reserved for the First Holy Communicants and their families at the 9.00 am Mass today.



Collections for 12th June: 1st collection, £306.20; Gift Aid: £121.00. 2nd collection, £32.43; Gift Aid: £3.00. Thank you.

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Brenda O'Meara, Claudino Serra Vaz, Janet Oakley, 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 Sr. Rose Cavanagh FMA, Jane Hannah Boyce, Filomeno Da Cruz Martins, Bridget Cherry and all who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgrs. Peter William Stonier and Hugh Montgomery, Frs. Michael Doona, George Smith, Arthur Proudman, Eric Morgan, Geoffrey Tucker, Thomas M. Browne, John Boyer and James Walsh, and also Peggy Doherty, Patrick White, Pearl Flanagan, Bridget White, Maddalena Puma and Nancy Lyons. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

Mass at Home. If you are not able to come to Mass you could watch it on Saturday, 5.30 pm, and/or Sunday, 11.00 am from Our Lady's where it is livestreamed at <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>. Here is a prayer that you can say when you watch the Mass:

"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:

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! *Pray for us, O holy Mother of God*, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Sacred Heart Grand Prize Draw.

**The draw will take place on 24th July. Great prizes.
Raffle tickets are available today; £1 for a book.**

Liturgical Notes:

1. This Thursday is the Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist. It has been transferred from Friday to make way for ...
2. **The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart:** this Friday is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. It's a beautiful feast day celebrating the love of Jesus. It is our patronal feastday here in Sacred Heart parish in Blackbird Leys and there will be Mass here at 9.15 in the morning. Mass at Our Lady's will be at 7.00 pm.
3. **Advance Notice:** The Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul (Wednesday, 29th June) is a Holyday of Obligation, and we are required to take part in the Mass if we can. There will be Mass at Our Lady's at 9.15 that morning, and we shall have Mass in the evening at 7.00 here at Sacred Heart.

'Rome At Home': World Meeting Of Families 2022:

The World Meeting of Families (WMOF) takes place in Rome this week, 22nd-26th June. The theme is Family Love: a vocation and a path to Holiness. Further information is available on the Diocesan website.

Today is the "Day for Life". *"Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent"* (Psalm 71:9). 'Day for Life' is the day set aside to celebrate life from conception to natural death. This year the focus is on caring for and valuing the elderly. There will be a second collection to support organisations which work to promote the protection of life as well as practical projects such as Rachel's Vineyard, and homes run for pregnant mothers by Life. For more or to make a donation, go to: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/df122/>

On Friday the Syro-Malabar community will celebrate Mass at 7.00 pm and then have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until mid-night. All welcome to join.

March For Life UK. This year marks the sad milestone of 10 million abortions in the UK since the 1967 Abortion Act. The annual March for Life will be held in London on Saturday, 3rd September. For information go to: <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/>

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.



Prayer in Lourdes. Veronica Robbins is going on the Jumbulance to Lourdes, as a helper, June 30th to July 8th. She will pray for all the parish at the Grotto but if anyone wants special prayers for anyone, please tell her. Veronica70@live.co.uk

Tailpiece: Three reasons for believing that Jesus really understood what a woman has to put up with!

- (i) He was expected to prepare a meal for hundreds of people, even though there was no food in.
- (ii) He spent His time trying to talk sense to a group of men who simply did not get it!
- (iii) Even after He died, He had to get up again because there was more work for Him to do.

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