



# Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

## *Second Sunday of Easter*

### *(Divine Mercy Sunday)*

*16<sup>th</sup> April, 2023*

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## Happy Easter, everyone.

## Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Sunday, 16 <sup>th</sup> April <b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>9.00 am Mass</b> (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	Mary Doyle (Intentions) Clare Watts (Special Intention) Antonio M da Silva & Rosa C Lobato Soriano
Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Easter Feria</i>	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Mrs Maria Debono (Birthday)
Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Easter Feria</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's School)	Mabel
Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Easter Feria</i>	No Public Mass Today	Agnes & Tom Allen (Golden Wedding)
Thursday, 20 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Easter Feria</i>	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	Mary and Edward Murphy
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> April <i>Op. Memorial of St. Anselm, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Pat Murphy (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary.)
Saturday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> April <i>Easter Feria</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass</b> (5.30 pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady's)	Shea Shergess (get well) Nancy Lyons (Birthday)
Sunday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> April <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>7.45 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>9.00 am Mass</b> (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) (3.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	Alia Ouseph & Roy Matthews Antonio Da Silva Aighomodion Ian Otiobhi The People of the Parish
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm; Saturday, 10.30 am - 11.30 am		

Welcome to Sacred Heart for Mass today, especially if you are new to the parish or visiting for Easter.

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.” The joyful sound of “Alleluia!” is heard many times throughout this season and we add two “Alleluias” at the dismissal of the Mass today.

**Today is Divine Mercy Sunday.** According to the diary of St. Faustina, Jesus said: “...tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon the souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet....”. (Diary 699).

*Our Parish Prayer: Help us, Lord, to receive you with an open heart this day.*

*May our community receive your grace and deepen its faith in you.*

*Make us lights to shine forth with your love, giving life and hope to those who have fallen away or who have never known you. Amen.*

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**Prayers for the Sick.** Please pray for Barry Holland, Rosalind Ingrams, Betty Duff and Eileen McGarry and all those we know who are sick. If someone you know is sick and would like to be prayed for, please let me know.

**Please pray for those who have died recently: Bishop David McGough, Dermot McMahon, Cajetan Pereira, Nicholas Dore, Julia Moran,** and also those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frs. Anthony Browne, Peter Moore, Reginald Slade, Patrick Downey, Antony Conlon, Hugh Griffith, Andrew Kenny, Oswald Joyce and Liam Bouchier, and also Anne Doherty, Philomena (Phyllis) Hilsdon, Esther Masterson, Dorothy Byrne, Edward Murphy and Alfonso Pereira. May they rest in peace.

**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.**

**Remember: refreshments are available in the hall  
after the 9.00 am Mass on Sundays.  
Come and have a chat with friends.**

**Choral Directors.** The Archdiocese of Birmingham is seeking up to five enthusiastic Choral Directors to work with the Programme Director to implement, deliver and develop the National Schools Singing Programme within the Archdiocese. The positions are suitable for new graduates, offering a permanent contract, based in Coventry/Warwickshire and in Staffordshire. To start this September. For more please visit [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/jobs](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/jobs)

**If you wish to join us for Mass from your home go to  
<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>**

Here is **an Act of Spiritual Communion:**

*“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.”*

**Sacramental Preparation:**

- 1. The Sacrament of Confirmation.** Canon Paul Fitzpatrick will be coming to Sacred Heart on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> May, to celebrate this Sacrament during the 6.00 pm Mass. If you want to be confirmed please fill in an application form found at the back of church and give it to me. Lessons will be starting at 10.00 am on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April in Elmthorpe Convent.
- 2. First Holy Communion** will be on the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> June. Lessons restart this week.

**Being a Welcoming Church.** The next online, Zoom meeting will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. It is about ‘supporting refugees’; no charge, simply register by emailing [kevinhateley@fatherhudsons.org.uk](mailto:kevinhateley@fatherhudsons.org.uk)

**Coronation of King Charles III.** On Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, we shall have Mass in Our Lady’s church at 10.00 am followed by a bring-and-share breakfast/lunch in the Don Bosco Centre as we watch the ceremonies together. All welcome.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham.** All welcome to join this year’s Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on **Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May.** The Principal Celebrant is Bishop David Evans. The afternoon programme is:  
12 noon - Arrival at the Shrine.

1.30pm - Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation.

3pm - Procession to the Priory ruins, and prayers at the site of the Holy House.

5pm - Depart

For further details please contact pilgrim organiser, Fr Philip Griffin, via [walsingham.pilgrimage@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:walsingham.pilgrimage@rcaob.org.uk)

**Parish Youth Group Cake Sale.**

Next Sunday members of the Youth Group will be selling cakes after the 9.00 am Mass to raise funds to pay for a trip to Malvern later in the year, and any future trips.

**Tailpiece:** *An Easter story.* A man was driving along when a rabbit hopped out into the road. He swerved to avoid it but it was too late. The driver pulled over and got out to see what had become of the bunny, but much to his dismay, it was dead. A woman who was passing saw the man crying on the side of the road and stopped. She asked the man what was wrong. “I feel terrible,” he explained, “I accidentally killed this poor creature.” The woman told the man not to worry; she knew exactly what to do. She opened her bag and pulled out a spray can. She walked over to the dead bunny and sprayed it. Miraculously, the rabbit jumped up and hopped away down the road. After a few yards it stopped, turned around and waved at them. It hopped another few yards, turned and waved again. After another few yards it stopped, turned and waved again!!!! The man was astonished. He said to the woman, “What on earth is in your spray can?” The woman turned the can around so that the man could read the label. It said: “Hair spray. Restores life to dead hair. Adds a permanent wave.”  
*I’ll get my coat.*

**Thank you for your generosity to me last Sunday and also for your gifts, cards, good wishes & prayers. I appreciate them very much.**

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