



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Sixth Sunday of Easter

14th May, 2023

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Happy Easter, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Sunday, 14 th May Sixth Sunday of Easter	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) (4.30 pm Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Margaret Crowe (Anniversary) Sr. Maria Patsy Jennings
Monday, 15 th May Easter Feria	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	The People of the Parish
Tuesday, 16 th May Easter Feria	No Public Mass Today	Pearl Jones (94 th Birthday)
Wednesday, 17 th May Easter Feria	(11.00 am Requiem Mass at Our Lady's)	Anne Delaney
Thursday, 18 th May Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Holyday of Obligation	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) (10.30 am Requiem Mass at Our Lady's) 7.00 pm Mass	Dec'd Lyons and Kennedy Families Jose Do Livramento De Abreu Liz Fitzgibbon
Friday, 19 th May Optional Memorial of St. Dunstan, Bishop	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.30 am Good Shepherd Mass at Our Lady's) 4.00 pm Mass (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Fr. Hudson's Care Nossa Senhora da Penha (Cosme Ximenes) Peter Cox (10 th Anniversary)
Saturday, 20 th May Op. Mem. of St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest, Missionary	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Martinho Amaral Konrad Mihailov (Anniversary)
Sunday, 21 st May Seventh Sunday of Easter World Communications Day	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Tom Hiceta (Anniversary) Jordan, Louisa & Francesca Summers The Confirmandi
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm; Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am		

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

The Easter Season

The Easter Season began on Easter Sunday, and ends after Evening Prayer on Pentecost Sunday.

Ascension Thursday – Holyday of Obligation. This Thursday is the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. This is a Holyday of Obligation when we are obliged to attend Mass. There will be Mass at Our Lady's at 9.00 am and here at Sacred Heart at 7.00 pm.

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: Anne Delaney, Jose Do Livramento De Abreu, Thomas White, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Canon Wilfrid Smith, Frs. Cathal Cassidy, Denis Hickling, Joseph Griffin, Ernest Cook and William Lyons, Sr. Georgina McPake FMA, and also Margaret Boyle, Tom Thompson and Rozan Peiris. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. 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.**

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.”

A Message from CAFOD. Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved, please go to cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns

WANTED!!! Preferably alive.

- 1. The Parish Forum (or Council or whatever name we want to give it).** We haven't met very much, but as our parish community shakes off the effects of the pandemic we want to move forward with energy and vision. And so I am asking for volunteers to be part of the Parish Forum – parishioners who will plan parish events and projects, and who can advise me. We are very blessed in this parish to have such a mix of nationalities and cultures, and it would be great to have a representative or two from each to join the parish forum so that it reflects our community and gives each a voice in the running of this parish. If each group in the Parish put forward two people by Pentecost we can have the first meeting soon after.
- 2. The Parish Finance Committee needs a new Chair (a person, not a piece of furniture).** Many thanks to Chris Breward who has filled this position so well. His time of office has come to an end, and I should love to hear your nominations, please.
- 3. Safeguarding Officer.** Again, many thanks to Margaret Lawes who has been our Safeguarding Officer for some time and would now like to step down. Would YOU be willing to do it? Help and training will be available.

Confirmation. Canon Paul Fitzpatrick will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday, 21st May, at the 6.00 pm Mass. Please pray for those preparing to be confirmed and for their families.

Next weekend will be World Communications Day. The theme comes from Ephesians 4:15, Speaking with the heart - 'The truth in love'. There will be a second collection for the work of communicating the Gospel.

May Devotions. Today at 2.30 pm at Littlemore, there will be Rosary in the Newman College Garden followed by a Procession in honour of Our Lady from The College to Blessed Dominic Barberi Church, with the Crowning of Our Lady and Benediction.

Good Shepherd Mass. Traditionally, each Lent school children all over the Archdiocese raise money for Fr Hudson's Care. Each year, at the end of the appeal, there is a celebration of Mass at several churches across the Archdiocese. The Mass this year will be at Our Lady's church next Friday at 10.30 am. Children from many schools will be there. Please join us if you can.

From St. John Fisher School: The week of 1st – 7th June 2023 is Volunteers' Week, a time to celebrate the invaluable contribution that volunteers make. This coincides with the point of the year that many professionals across the country are considering their professional development plans: could volunteering as a school governor offer the development opportunity you are looking for this year? Ready to find out more? Join our information session on Tuesday, 6th June 12.00-12.45 to learn more about the role. Sign up here: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/1116838035278/WN_otrAbIDTTpWALPqgqfpYSA

Being a Welcoming Church. There will be a third online meeting, on Monday 22nd May, from 7.30 to 8.30 pm. The session is on 'Disability'; there is no charge, just email fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk to register and a link will be sent to you.

Tailpiece: A boy wrote home from his school: *“Dear Mummy and Daddy. Last week we had Confirmations in the church. From where I was sitting I could see the Bishop clearly. Now I know what a crook really looks like.”*

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