



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Seventh Sunday of Easter

21st May, 2023

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Happy Easter, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Sunday, 21 st May Seventh Sunday of Easter <i>World Communications Day</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 6.00 pm Mass with Confirmations	Tom Hiceta (<i>Anniversary</i>) Jordan, Louisa & Francesca Summers The People of the Parish
Monday, 22 nd May <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Rita of Cascia, Religious</i>	<i>(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(6.00 pm Reception of Tommy White)</i>	Camilo de Souza
Tuesday, 23 rd May <i>Easter Feria</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <i>(10.30 am Requiem Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	Antonio Pereira Thomas White
Wednesday, 24 th May Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	Arthur Borthwick
Thursday, 25 th May <i>Mem. of St. Bede the Venerable</i>	No Public Mass Today	Peter Villar
Friday, 26 th May <i>Mem. of St. Philip Neri, Priest</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	Pat McGovern (<i>get well</i>)
Saturday, 27 th May <i>Feast of St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass <i>(5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)</i>	Melvyn Harris Martinho Lopes Soares & Domingas do Rosario Cabrol
Sunday, 28 th May Solemnity of Pentecost <i>Day of Prayer for the Church</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <i>(3.00 pm Baptisms at Our Lady's)</i> 6.00 pm Mass	Mary & Patrick McGroarty Anne (<i>Birthday</i>) Evelyn and Elvis Cross Fernando Neves Liu & Luzia Pereira Lobato
Confessions: 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 next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday.

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.

Confirmation. Welcome to Canon Paul Fitzpatrick who will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 6.00 pm Mass today. Congratulations to those being Confirmed. Please pray for them and for their families.

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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, Mary O'Hara, Gejjo Masih, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgrs. John Humphreys and Wilfrid Moore, Canon John Francis Hughes, Frs. Thomas Foynes, Thomas Bagnall, Michael McKenna, Patrick Taylor, John Kearns and James Francis Ward, and also Benjamin and Sarah Curtis, Joseph Cleary. 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."

This weekend is 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.

This Wednesday, 24th May, is the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians. There will be Mass at 9.15 am at Our Lady's church in Hollow Way, which will be attended by the children from Our Lady's School. There will be refreshments after Mass. All welcome.

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

PARISH FORUM MEETING. I should like to have a meeting of the Parish Forum at 4.00 pm on Sunday, 4th June – two weeks' time. 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. We need 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. Please let me know some names by next Sunday. And please let me know by next Sunday if there are things that you think we need to discuss.

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.

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.

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

Pentecost Sunday. Next weekend we shall celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, the "birthday of the Church" – when the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles and made one community out of the different peoples of the earth. In our community here at Sacred Heart we have people from many nationalities. If you would like to read one of the Readings or a Bidding Prayer in your own language please come and have a chat with me.

My Day By Day Booklet. The June edition is available in the porch, price £1.00. It contains the Mass Readings for each day of the month.

Being a Welcoming Church. There will be a third online meeting, this 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: from a parish newsletter:
"DON'T LET WORRY KILL YOU.
LET THE CHURCH HELP!"

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