



# Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

## *Solemnity of Pentecost*

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**Happy Birthday, everyone.**

**Jesus Christ has sent us the Holy Spirit. Alleluia!**

Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Solemnity of Pentecost</b> <i>Day of Prayer for the Church</i>	<b>7.45 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>9.00 am Mass</b> <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <i>(3.00 pm Baptisms at Our Lady's)</i> <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	Mary & Patrick McGroarty Anne (Birthday) Evelyn and Elvis Cross Fernando Neves Liu and Luzia Pereira Lobato
Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Solemnity of Dedication of the Church</i>	<b>8.00 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(10.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	Brigida Do Rosario Cabral & Domingas Do Rosario Cabral
Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>8.00 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <i>(6.00 pm Confirmation Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	Margaret Griffin RIP (Anniv.) The Confirmandi
Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> May <i>Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<b>No Public Mass Today</b>	Deacon Bill Parker (22 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)
Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> June <i>Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</i>	<b>6.00 pm</b> Exposition and Benediction <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	Tommy White RIP
Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> June <i>Optional Memorial of Ss. Marcellinus &amp; Peter, Martyrs</i>	<b>8.00 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	Thanksgiving to Nossa Senhora de Fatima
Saturday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June <i>Memorial of Ss. Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions, Martyrs</i>	<b>8.00 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>10.00 am Mass</b> <i>(5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)</i>	Anne Delaney Jackie (Birthday)
Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</b>	<b>7.45 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>9.00 am Mass</b> <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <i>(3.00 pm Baptisms at Our Lady's)</i> <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	Mary & Patrick McGroarty Anne (Birthday) Evelyn and Elvis Cross Fernando Neves Liu & Luzia Pereira Lobato
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 or visiting for the Bank Holiday.**

**Today is Pentecost Sunday. The Easter Season, which began on Easter Sunday, ends this evening.  
Thank you to everyone who has helped to make it a special time in the life of our parish.**

*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.*

**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: Mary O'Hara, Gejjo Masih, Fr. Anthony Davies,** and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Wilfrid Doran, Frs. Dermot Corcoran, Joseph Lacy, Cornelius Healy, Charles Stephen Dessain (Cong. Orat.), William O'Brien, John Avery Lane and Benedict Tarbuck, Deacon William Parker, Srs. Bruna Livieri FMA and Rose Cavanagh FMA, and also Claire Neafey and Margaret Griffin. 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."*

**First Friday.** This Friday is the first of the month and we shall say the Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart before Mass on Thursday evening.

**Liturgical Year.** Tomorrow we return to Ordinary Time and the cycle of weekday readings resumes at the 8<sup>th</sup> Week in Year 1. The Sunday readings will be for Year A. If you pray the Divine Office we start on Tuesday with Psalter Week 4.

**Remember, if you have not yet made your Easter Duties you have only until next Sunday to do so.**

**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](http://cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns)

**The youth group** will be holding a cake sale after the 9.00 am Mass next Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, to raise some funds for their trip to Malvern later in the summer.

**Corpus Christi Procession** – Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, starting at 2.30 pm at the Oxford Oratory, processing through the city to the University Catholic Chaplaincy, stopping at Blackfriars for a sermon on the way. Ends with Benediction at the Chaplaincy, followed by refreshments.

**Oxford Pro-Life Rosary Witness:** Next Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June all pro-lifers are invited to publicly recite the Rosary for the end of Abortion and in defence of life at noon in the centre of Oxford. Meet outside the Clarendon building at 48 Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3AZ.

**PARISH FORUM MEETING.** I should like to have a meeting of the Parish Forum at 4.00 pm next Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June. 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 today. And please let me know today 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 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> 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, 6<sup>th</sup> June 12.00-12.45 to learn more about the role. Sign up here: [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/1116838035278/WN\\_otrAbIDTTpWALPqgqfpYSA](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/1116838035278/WN_otrAbIDTTpWALPqgqfpYSA)

**Tailpiece:** An overheard conversation: a country sacristan to a visitor who was admiring the carved wooden bosses on the altar rails: "Don't touch them knobs. They are 'oly knobs. Last time Bishop came 'e 'adn't got 'is glasses an' 'e confirmed two o' they!"

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