

# Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

## *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

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

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### Happy Easter, everyone.

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

Sunday, 30 <sup>th</sup> April <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</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 Baptism at Our Lady's):</i> <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	Cecilia Michael Igor Bogatirjov (Anniversary) Annemary Selin The People of the Parish
Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May <i>Op. Mem. of St. Joseph the Worker</i>	<b>8.00 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(10.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	Anne Rhodes (Birthday)
Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May <i>Mem. of St. Athanasius, Bishop</i>	No Public Mass Today	Lorraine Tollemache
Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May <i>Feast of Ss. Philip &amp; James</i>	No Public Mass Today	Kathleen Pill (Intentions)
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Feast of the English Martyrs</i>	<b>6.00 pm</b> Exposition and Benediction <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	Jos & Priya
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Easter Feria</i>	<b>8.00 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	HM Queen Elizabeth II RIP & HM King Charles III
Saturday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Easter Feria</i>	<b>8.00 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(10.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <i>(4.00 pm Baptisms at Our Lady's)</i> <i>(5.30 pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	King Charles III & Queen Camilla Noah & Itzel Solorzano Chano Bernadette Dynes
Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</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 Baptism at Our Lady's)</i> <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	Luciana Viviana da Silva Josie Coughlan (Intentions) Tommy Burke Thanksgiving (Ercia & Jaffe B'days)
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

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.

*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.*

**First Friday.** This Friday is the First of the month. Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart will be said before Mass on Thursday evening.

**Please note:** the 10.00 am Mass next Saturday will be at Our Lady's church (we can watch the Coronation after Mass).

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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, Julia Moran, Jose Do Livramento De Abreu, Thomas White,** and also those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Canon Bernard Hurrill, Frs. Peter Cooney, Peter Heath, David Duggan, Thomas William O'Connor, Michael Byrne and James Dutton, Deacon James Fantham, and also L.F. Peter. 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:**

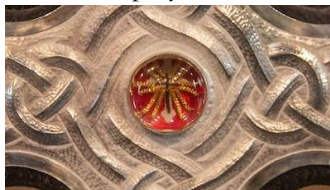
*“My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.”*

**Congratulations** to Kevin and Sorcha Morrissey who were married recently in Kiltrush, Co. Clare. May God bless them in their life together.

**Pope’s Prayer Intention for May: For Church movements and groups.**

**Clergy Training Fund.** Today is “Good Shepherd Sunday” or Vocations Sunday. It is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. There will be the annual collection at Masses this weekend for the Clergy Training Fund which supports our seminarians and diaconate students.

**Coronation of King Charles III.** The bishops of England and Wales encourage Catholics to pray for King Charles ahead of his coronation in Westminster Abbey on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May. They also recommend that a Mass for the King be offered on the eve of the coronation. Accordingly, Mass will be offered in Our Lady’s for the late Queen and the new King at 7.00 pm next Friday. There are prayer cards available in the church porch.



Pope Francis has given a relic of the True Cross to HM King Charles III. It has been put into the Cross of Wales which will lead the Coronation procession.

Next Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, there will be no Mass here at Sacred Heart, but we shall have Mass at 10.00 am at Our Lady’s followed by a bring-and-share breakfast/lunch as we watch the ceremonies together in the Don Bosco Centre, next to the church. You are all welcome.

**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.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham.** All welcome to join this year’s Pilgrimage on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May. The Principal Celebrant is Bishop David Evans. 12.00 noon, Arrival; 1.30 pm, Mass; 3.00 pm, Procession to the Priory ruins, and prayers at the site of the Holy House; 5.00 pm, Depart. For further details please contact Fr Philip Griffin, via [walsingham.pilgrimage@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:walsingham.pilgrimage@rcaob.org.uk)

**The Divine Mercy Apostolate** is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat at St Anthony of Padua Church, 115 Headley Way, OX3 7SS on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 1.30-4.30 pm, led by the Marian Fathers. All welcome.

**Tailpiece:** Three men were talking about their sons. The first said, “My son was born on St. George’s Day, so we called him George”. “That’s a coincidence,” said the second. “My son was born on St. David’s Day so we decided to call him David.” “Yes, that really is a coincidence” said the third. “Exactly the same thing happened with my son, Pancake.”

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