

# Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

## *Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2023*

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| Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> June<br><b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body &amp; Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</b> | <b>7.45 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer<br><b>9.00 am Mass</b><br>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)<br>(2.00 pm Baptisms at Our Lady's)<br>(4.30 pm Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's)<br><b>6.00 pm Mass</b> | Rosa Maria da Silva<br>First Holy Communicants<br>Cairo, Zacari May & Santiago Horahaniu<br><br>Tommy Gildea |
| Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> June  | (7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)<br>8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer<br>(11.00 am Requiem Mass at Our Lady's)   | Tommy Gildea<br><br>Gejjo Masih  |
| Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> June<br>Mem. of St. Anthony of Padua   | 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer<br>(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)  | Zoe McLaughlin (Get Well)  |
| Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> June   | <b>No Public Mass Today</b>  | The People of the Parish   |
| Thursday, 15 <sup>th</sup> June  | 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction<br><b>7.00 pm Mass</b>  | Magdalena Hiceta (Anniversary)   |
| Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> June<br><b>Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>                            | 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer<br>(11.00 am Requiem Mass at Our Lady's)<br>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)   | Mary O'Hara<br>Paul Watts (Birthday)   |
| Saturday, 17 <sup>th</sup> June<br>Mem. of the Immaculate Heart of Mary  | 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer<br>(5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)   | Pat Murphy Junior (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  |
| Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> June<br><b>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Day for Life                       | <b>7.45 am</b> Office of Readings & Morning Prayer<br><b>9.00 am Mass</b><br>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)<br><b>6.00 pm Mass</b>  | Minnie Rouse and Gladys Johnson<br>Nancy Lyons (Anniversary)<br>The People of the Parish                     |
| Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm.   |  |  |

**Welcome to Sacred Heart for Mass today**

Today we are celebrating the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, The Body of Christ.

In Holy Communion Jesus feeds us with His Body and Blood and so shares with us His own life.

**First Holy Communion.** Today I welcome especially the children from our parish who will be receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time. This is the conclusion of many weeks and months of preparation for them, but it is only the beginning of the next stage of their life with Jesus. Please pray for them.

A big "Thank You" to the teachers who have been giving their time and energy so generously to prepare the children for this day. Some of the pews at the front of the church have been reserved for the First Holy Communicants and their families at the 9.00 Mass.



*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: Frank Benson, Pauline Ryan, Mary O'Hara, Gejjo Masih, Patrick Joseph Hannon, Fr. Anthony Davies, Canon John Gunn,** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frs. Gerard McArdle, Cyril Adams, Joseph Lanny, Joseph Davenport and John Basil Harrington, Sr. Brigid Cahill FMA, and also Alice Sykes. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

If you wish to see the Mass at your home, go to <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>

**Prayer at the end of Mass:**

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! *Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,* that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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



**Our Parish Summer Fete will be on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2.00-4.00 pm. Please put the date in your diary.**

**There are still 200 books of raffle tickets unsold. Don't miss out on the chance to win!**

**They are available from Sally after Mass. Prizes are needed for the raffle and there is a list in the church porch if you could offer to supply one.**

**Similarly, donations of bottles and groceries are needed for the various stalls, please.**

**Next Sunday** we shall have the joy of welcoming Paul Mwasa into our parish family during the 6.00 pm Mass as he is baptised and receives the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. Please pray for him and for his family.

**Thank you** to everyone who came to the Parish Forum meeting last week. It is great that the Parish has such faithful and willing members, but it would be good to see new parishioners coming along in the future. We shall have a follow-up meeting next Sunday, again at 4.00 pm.

**The Parish Finance Committee still needs a new Chair** and I should love to hear your nominations, please.

**We also need a Safeguarding Officer.** Again, would YOU be willing to do it? Help and training will be available.

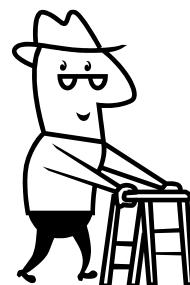
**Being a Welcoming Church.** The final online meeting takes place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June, from 7.30 to 8.30 pm. The session is on Homelessness. There is no charge, just email [fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk) to register.

**CAFOD: update on the conflict in Sudan.** Violent conflict continues in Sudan and thousands of people are running out of food, water and medicine. Your previous donations to CAFOD are enabling our teams to help families who have escaped to neighbouring countries. Please pray for peace. For more go to <https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/sudan-conflict>

**Pro-Life Film Night.** 7 for 7.15pm-10pm, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July, Magdalen Road Church, The Old Schoolhouse, Hertford Street, Cowley, OX4 3AJ. Bring yourself and a Christian friend to this screening of the acclaimed pro-life film "Unplanned", based on a true story. Free parking. For more info and to RSVP visit <https://tinyurl.com/unplanned-film>, or contact Hannah at [christianfilmmight@gmail.com](mailto:christianfilmmight@gmail.com)

**Corpus Christi Procession** – Today, 11<sup>th</sup> June, starting at 2.30 pm from the Oxford Oratory to the University Catholic Chaplaincy, stopping at Blackfriars for a sermon. Ends with Benediction at the Chaplaincy.

There will be no Mass here next Saturday morning because I shall be doing a Sponsored Walk around the boundaries of Our Lady's Parish to raise funds for the flooring in Our Lady's church. I shall start at 10.00 am from the end of Fern Hill Road. It is about 10 miles. If anyone would like to join me or sponsor me you would be very welcome.



**Tailpiece:** A four-year-old was very interested when people went for Holy Communion and started to get up. His mother leaned over and told him that he was not yet old enough to receive Communion. Later, when the collection plate came by, he ignored it, stating, "If I can't eat, I'm not paying."

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