



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Fifth Sunday of Easter

28th April, 2024

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Sunday, 28th April <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>(5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)</i> 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(9.00 am Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 9.00 am Mass <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Tommy White (Anniversary)</i> <i>Private Intention</i> <i>Paddy McCartney</i> <i>Annie Kennedy (Anniversary)</i> <i>Clementina Maria da Cunha & Augustino da Cunha</i>
Monday, 29th April <i>Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, Doctor, Patron of Europe</i>	<i>(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	<i>Bernadette Cowley</i>
Tuesday, 30th April	No Public Mass Today	<i>Maryanne Borthwick (Get Well)</i>
Wednesday, 1st May <i>Optional Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker</i>	No Public Mass Today	<i>The People of the Parish</i>
Thursday, 2nd May <i>Memorial of St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church.</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	<i>Rosie Fido</i>
Friday, 3rd May <i>Feast of St. Philip and St. James, Apostles</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Igor Bogatirjov</i>
Saturday, 4th May <i>Feast of the English Martyrs</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>	<i>Madeline Dandridge</i> <i>Joaquim Aleixo Rodrigues da Silva,</i> <i>Leonardo Araujo Mota,</i> <i>Sofia Noemia da Jesus Rodrigues</i>
Sunday, 5th May <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(9.00 am Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 9.00 am Mass <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Private Intention</i> <i>Lisa O'Brien</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i> <i>Menino Pereira</i>
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm; Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am <i>(Confessions at Our Lady's: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm)</i>		

Welcome to Sacred Heart today, especially if you are new to our parish.

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

May is the Month of Our Lady. Perhaps this could be the month when you make praying the Rosary a regular part of your daily prayers.

Congratulations to the members of our community who received the Sacrament of Confirmation here last Thursday evening, and thank you to everyone who helped to make it a special occasion for us all.

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.*

If you wish to join the Mass from your home go to: <https://www.mcn.live/Camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Claudino Serra Vaz, Keith Dolton, Iris O'Brien, Thomas Gaughan, Barry Holland, Rosalind Ingrams, Betty Duff, Inna, Beatrice Upham, Eileen McGarry, Rosa Fernandes, Miguel Esteban, Mely Balbag, Keelin Trahearn, Cheryl Jones and all those we know who are sick.

Please pray for Gillian Phipps and Bryan Styles who died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Frs. Peter Cooney, Peter Heath, Thomas William O'Connor and David Duggan, Deacon James Fantham, and also Vincent Murray, Mary Whelan, Kieran Braiden, L.F.Peter. May they rest in peace.

	Counting rota	Readers' Rota (9.00 Mass)	Eucharistic Ministers' Rota		Flowers rota
This week	Rachel & Phil	D. Wallace & R. Costa	Pat McGroarty	Lilian Mwawa	Priya & Family
Next Week	Chris & Edwin	J. Esteban & K. Abrigo	Philomena	Anne Marie	Priya & Family

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.

Forthcoming Attractions

Thank you to those who were able to come to the Parish Forum Meeting last Sunday. We discussed several possible events for our community:

- May Devotions.** Next Sunday at the 9.00 Mass we shall crown the statues of Our Lady (in church before Mass and then at the Grotto outside after Mass). Children and adults are invited to bring flowers to lay at the Grotto.
- First Holy Communions,** 10.00 am Saturday, 25th May
- A Parish Day Out** to Bournemouth during the Half-term school holiday at the end of May, which should be a great day out for families. Further details to follow.
- A fundraising raffle** to be drawn on Sunday, 30th June.
- A Parish Fun Day.** It will be my Ruby Anniversary of Ordination at the start of August, and I should like to invite you all to celebrate with me on Saturday, 3rd August. There will be lots of fun things – a bouncy castle, tug-of-war, hook-a-duck, national dancing, stalls, tea and coffee, BBQ.
- A trip to the National Memorial Arboretum** in Staffordshire towards the end of September.

A lot must still be worked out, but it is looking exciting for the summer at Sacred Heart.



My Day by Day booklets. The May edition is now available in the porch (£1).

Day Of Prayer For Victims And Survivors Of Abuse, Tuesday, 30th April. Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter is a Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. If you have experienced abuse and would like to speak to someone about this please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding team (0121 230 6240, safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk)

Bingo Night – proceeds in aid of the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship Oxford, Lourdes Pilgrimage. On Wednesday, 8th May, eyes down 8.00 pm, at the Headington Conservative Club, Windmill Road, Headington (OX3 7BZ). For more information email the secretary macdon1@uwclub.net

Tailpiece. A Parish Priest once vetoed a request from the Parish Council for a chandelier in the church. He explained, "I would have to write the order for it and I can't spell the word, and furthermore we have no one in the parish who can play it."

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