



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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Sunday, 30 th May Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	9.00 am 6.00 pm	<i>Antonio Luis Mota Martinho Madeira & Alcina Brites</i>
Monday, 31 st May <i>Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.15 am	<i>Alvin Jomy (Intentions)</i>
Tuesday, 1 st June <i>Memorial of St. Justin, Martyr</i>	No Public Mass Today	
Wednesday, 2 nd June <i>Optional Memorial of Ss. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs</i>	No Public Mass Today	
Thursday, 3 rd June <i>Memorial of St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs.</i>	<i>6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass</i>	<i>Francis Filomeno Martins Madeira</i>
Friday, 4 th June	No Public Mass Today	
Saturday, 5 th June <i>Memorial of St. Boniface, Martyr</i>	No Public Mass Today	
Sunday, 6 th June Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	9.00 am 6.00 pm	<i>Cecilia Michael Bentura, Rosa, Florinda, Adriano, Daniel & Antonia</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		



Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass.

Today is one of the great feasts of the Church – the Most Holy Trinity, when we praise and honour God, not for anything in particular that He has done, but simply because He is God.

Next Sunday is the feast of Corpus Christi – the Body of Christ.



If you have recently moved into this parish, or if you are returning after lockdown, please come and say hello to me. Thank you.

Please pray for those we know who are sick, including **Jesmi Peiris, Domenico Mirto and Regina Soares**. If you are ill and you would like to ask for prayers on this newsletter, let me know (in writing, please). Thank you.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Sr. Bruna, Patrick Griffiths, Ivor Bridgewater** and for the souls of all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgr. Wilfrid Doran, Canons Benedict Tarbuck and Harry Bouchier, Frs. Joseph Lacy, Cornelius Healy, Charles Dessain (C. Orat.), William O'Brien, John Lane, John Crean, and Thomas Whittle and also Margaret Griffin, Claire Heafey and Nicholas Cleary. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Mass at Home. You are welcome to Sacred Heart for Mass, but if you wish to join us for Mass from your home, we can Zoom the Mass to you (please email me for a link). Alternatively, you could watch the Mass on Saturday, 5.30 pm, and/or Sunday, 11.00 am from Our Lady's where we are now live and can be viewed at <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>

Here is a prayer, **an Act of Spiritual Communion**, which you can say as you watch a Livestream Mass:

"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."

Taking the next step with care. This is a very exciting time. One of the Psalms speaks about the Lord as a warrior awaking as if from sleep and stretching, ready for action. It feels that the Church is also once again starting to awaken and stretch. Things are starting to happen and it is lovely to see parishioners coming back to Mass. It is important that we all continue to observe restrictions in church. These restrictions include: sanitising your hands as you enter and leave the church, leaving contact details as you enter, wearing a face covering whilst in the building, and maintaining physical distance from other people. It is also very important that we co-operate with the stewards in being seated safely. Thank you.

First Holy Communions. Some of our children will receive their First Holy Communion at the evening Mass today, then one will receive it tomorrow morning and some more will receive it next Sunday evening. Please pray for them and their families, and for their teachers.

Baptism. Thanks be to God that from last Monday the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism has been allowed to resume, with up to 30 people permitted to attend. Please pray for all the parents who are preparing for their child's baptism in the coming weeks. If you have been waiting to have your child baptised, please come and see me.

Diocesan Virtual Pilgrimage To Lourdes 2021: Online events are planned from today, Sunday, 30th May to Friday, 4th June, inspired by this year's theme, "I am the Immaculate Conception." Please see the diocesan website for a link to the virtual pilgrimage which includes daily Masses, torchlight processions and virtual tours of the key sites in and around Lourdes.

The month of June is dedicated in a special way to the veneration of the Sacred Heart. Not just on one day – the liturgical feast, which generally falls in June – but every day.

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

Commemorative Candles. The large candles in front of the Tabernacle, the Sacred Heart statue and Our Lady's statue burn night and day. These lights indicate the presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle and also give honour to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Our Lady. They also show our desire to remain present to the Lord in prayer, even though we have to leave church and go about our daily business. If you would like one of the week-long candles to burn for a particular intention or in memory of a loved one, please add the intention to the list at the back of church and enclose your intention in an envelope, with an offering of £5, and give it to me after Mass or leave it in the collection basket.

Pastoral Letter and "The Day Of The Lord". Copies of last week's Pastoral Letter are available (on green paper). In addition, the Bishops of England and Wales have written a letter to the faithful entitled "The Day of the Lord". Copies (on white paper) are also available. In the letter the bishops pay tribute to Catholics for their faithfulness during the pandemic. They remind us of the centrality of the Eucharist to the Catholic life and put before us the invitation to return to the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

Tailpiece: A man was coming home from the pub one Sunday afternoon, rather the worse for wear, when he noticed a Baptismal service going on in the river. The Minister saw him and said, "Brother, are you ready to find Jesus?" The man looked back and said, "Yes sir, I am." The Minister then took him by the neck, dunked him under the water and pulled him right back up. "Have you found Jesus?" the Minister asked. "No, I didn't!" said the man. The Minister dunked him under again, this time for quite a bit longer, brought him up and said, "Now brother, have you found Jesus?" "No, I did not!" said the man again. The Minister held him under again, for at least 30 seconds this time, lifted him up and demanded, "For heaven's sake, have you found Jesus yet?!?!" The man wiped his eyes and pleaded, "Are you sure this is where He fell in?"

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