



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Solemnity of Pentecost

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**Happy Easter, everyone.
Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!**

Sunday, 5 th June Solemnity of Pentecost <i>Day of Prayer for the Church</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Francisco G. Ximenes</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>
Monday, 6 th June <i>Mem. of Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.15 am Mass	<i>In Thanksgiving (Dimble)</i>
Tuesday, 7 th June	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	<i>In Thanksgiving</i>
Wednesday, 8 th June	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer No Public Mass Today	<i>Canon Giles Goward</i>
Thursday, 9 th June Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	<i>Kathryn Allsworth</i>
Friday, 10 th June	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	<i>Josline Pires</i>
Saturday, 11 th June <i>Memorial of St. Barnabas, Apostle</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer No Public Mass Today	
Sunday, 12 th June Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Mass 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Larry Gardner</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday, 6.00 - 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass today.

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.

Tomorrow we return to Ordinary Time and the cycle of weekday readings resumes at the 10th Week in Year 2. The Sunday readings will be for Year C. If you pray the Divine Office we begin tomorrow with Psalter Week 2.

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

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Brenda O'Meara, Claudino Serra Vaz, Janet Oakley, Filomeno Da Cruz Martins, Phil Bawden, Kevin and Hilary Kirby, David (3 years old), Barry Holland, Betty Duff and Eileen McGarry and all those we know who are sick.

Please pray for the souls of Sr. Rose Cavanagh FMA and all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bishop James Dey, Mgr. Bernard Robinson, Frs. Peter Gallagher, Denis Shiel CO, Thomas Hampton, John Arthur McIver, John P. Lane, Timothy Cronin, William Quinn and Gerard McArdle and Deacon Peter Phelan. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Sunday Mass Obligation Restored. The Bishops of England and Wales have reinstated the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days from this weekend, the feast of Pentecost. The days on which all Catholics in England and Wales should attend Mass (unless legitimately impeded) are: every Sunday; Christmas Day; the Epiphany (6th January); the Ascension; Ss. Peter and Paul (29th June); the Assumption (15th August); All Saints (1st November).

Mass at Home. If you are not able to come to Mass you could watch it on Saturday, 5.30 pm, and/or Sunday, 11.00 am from Our Lady's where it is livestreamed at <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>. Here is a prayer that you can say when you watch the 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."

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.

Sacred Heart Grand Prize Draw.
The draw will take place on 24th July. Great prizes.
Raffle tickets are available today;
£1 for a book.

Platinum Jubilee of HM The Queen.

Many congratulations and good wishes to Her Majesty on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee. The Bishops' Conference has established that, at all Sunday Masses this weekend, each parish should pray for Her Majesty the Queen by including an intention in the Prayers of the Faithful and by reciting at the end of Mass (after the Prayer after Communion) the following prayer:

- V. O Lord, save Elizabeth, our Queen.
- R. **And hear us on the day we call upon you.**
- V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
- R. **And let my cry come before you.**
- V. The Lord be with you.
- R. **And with your spirit.**

Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour may, with the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Parish Council Meeting. This evening after the 6.00 Mass I should like to have a (short!) meeting of the Parish Council. We have a few things to think about as we move out of the pandemic and re-discover our community. Please think about these:

- Publicity and updating our records
- Spirituality – praying for the parish and developing our prayer-life
- Fund-raising
- Hospitality
- Music and Liturgy
- Social – planning events that help to bring the parish together
- Groundswork – keeping the front of the church looking good
- Youth work – helping young people to be a part of the parish

My Day By Day Book for June is now available at the back of church (price £1).

Confirmations. Congratulations to the four who were Confirmed here last Sunday, and thank you to Bishop William, the servers, the choir and everyone who helped to make it such a lovely occasion.

Jubilee Picnic. Blackbird Leys Parish Council invite us to a Jubilee picnic this afternoon, at Blackbird Leys Community Centre. The event will be from 11.00 am – 4.00 pm. This will be a free family day filled with lots of activities, soft drinks, and more.

First Holy Communion. Please pray for the children who are preparing to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday, 19th June. There will be a larger than normal congregation at the 9.00 Mass on that day. Please be warned!

The Oxford Corpus Christi procession returns this year on Sunday, 19th June. It will start from the Oratory at 2:30 pm and end with Benediction and refreshments at the University Chaplaincy. First communicants can wear their outfits. Children are invited to throw flower petals.



Tailpiece: A teacher lined up the children in her class to recite the Creed they had been memorising. "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth," Robbie began. "And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord," Suzy said next. "Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary," said Timmy. "Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried," said Molly. "He descended into hell," said Jim. "On the third day he rose again from the dead," said Margaret. "He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty," said Billy. "From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead," said Jill. Then there followed a long silence. Finally, Timmy spoke up and said, "Please Miss, the boy who believes in the Holy Spirit isn't here today."

May God bless you and all those whom you love.

Fr. Harry