



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Seventh Sunday of Easter

12th May, 2024

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Sunday, 12 th May Seventh Sunday of Easter <i>World Communications Day</i>	(5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's) 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's) 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	<i>In Thanksgiving</i> Private Intention Cecilia Michael R.K. Joshi Jack Doherty
Monday, 13 th May <i>Op. Mem. of Our Lady of Fatima</i>	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	<i>Special Intention (Donald)</i>
Tuesday, 14 th May <i>Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass, followed by the Rosary, at Our Lady's)	<i>Nossa Senhora de Fatima</i>
Wednesday, 15 th May	No Public Mass Today	<i>The People of the Parish</i>
Thursday, 16 th May	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	<i>Peter</i>
Friday, 17 th May	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	<i>Judy Benson</i>
Saturday, 18 th May <i>Op. Memorial of St. John I, Pope, Martyr</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	<i>Lis Fitzgibbons</i> <i>Sonny Higgins</i>
Sunday, 19 th May Solemnity of Pentecost <i>Day of Prayer for the Church</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's) 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	<i>Private Intention</i> Tom Hiceta Carlotta da Costa <i>In Thanksgiving (Ercia & Family)</i>
<i>Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm; Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am</i> <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.

Today is World Communications Day, and the theme is to explore how we can use AI for good. There will be a second collection today for the work of Catholic Communications.

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.

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 Claudio 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, Josie Griffiths and all those we know who are sick.

Please pray for Aires Antonio da Silva, Gillian Phipps and Bryan Styles who died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frs. Cathal Cassidy and Denis Hickling, Sr. Georgina McPake FMA, and also Gejo Masih, Margaret Boyle, John McAndrew and Tom Thompson. May they rest in peace.

	Counting rota	Readers' Rota (9.00 Mass)	Eucharistic Ministers' Rota		Flowers rota
This week	Sally & Phil	R. Breward & V. Robbins	Chris D.	Rolly	Ghie & Rocelle
Next Week	Kylla & Lilian	P.Chacka & Lizette	Josh Peter	John Thomas	Ghie & Rocelle

Prayer at the end of Mass:

*Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia;
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia:
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.*

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

Easter Duties. The Easter Season, which began on Easter Sunday, ends after Evening Prayer on Pentecost Sunday, next Sunday. Don't forget that all Catholics who have made their First Holy Communion should receive the Holy Eucharist sometime between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost Sunday. They should also take part in the Sacrament of Penance before receiving this Easter Communion.

First Holy Communions. Please pray for the children of our parish who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time in two weeks' time, on Saturday, 25th May at the 10.00 am Mass.

Parish Raffle. Tickets for this year's raffle (to raise funds for our church) will go on sale after Mass today. The draw will be on 30th June.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate is holding a Reflection on Saturday 25th May, 1.00 pm to 4.30 pm at *St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 115 Headley Way, Headington, Oxford, OX3 7SS*. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957 594 646 for more information

An Interactive Quiz

At Our Lady's Church next Saturday after the 5.30 evening Mass. Fun for all the family. It's much more interesting than you may be thinking. It will include having to identify different wines (after tasting!) and cheeses (ditto!). Entrance fee: £5 per family on the door. A £20 M&S voucher to the winning family.

Next Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost, the "birthday of the Church", when the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles and made one community out of the different peoples of the earth. For some members of our community here it is also the Feast of Nossa Senhora da Penha. They will lead the singing and readings in Portuguese during the 9.00 am Mass.

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.

**PARISH DAY TRIP
TO BOURNEMOUTH**
Wednesday, 29th May (Half Term)



The coach will leave from Sacred Heart at 9.30 am and return at about 7.00 pm.
Price: Adults £20, children £10.
Please sign the list in the porch (children must be accompanied by an adult).

So what's at Bournemouth? Nestled in a sheltered bay on the South Coast of England there are plenty of things to do in Bournemouth and seven miles of sandy beaches for you to enjoy. There are places to eat, museums, galleries, amusement arcades, a climbing centre, beach-to-shore zip-wire, mini golf, play parks and an oceanarium.

This is a good way to get to know one another as a parish community and to enjoy ourselves.

Tailpiece: A fervent prayer group were praying for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit and a revival in their parish. "O Lord, set this place on fire," prayed one man, earnestly. Another man, kneeling further down the line, muttered, "I'm in for a thin time if He answers that one!" He was an insurance agent.

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