



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Solemnity of Pentecost

19th May, 2024

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Sunday, 19 th May Solemnity of Pentecost <i>Day of Prayer for the Church</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	Sonny Higgins Private Intention Tom Hiceta Carlotta da Costa In Thanksgiving (Ercia & Family)
Monday, 20 th May <i>Mem. of Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Konrad Mihailov
Tuesday, 21 st May <i>Op. Mem. of St. Christopher Magallanes & Comps, Martyrs</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Marcus de Assis (6-month Anniv.)
Wednesday, 22 nd May <i>Op. Mem. of St. Rita of Cascia</i>	No Public Mass Today	Antonio Pereira
Thursday, 23 rd May <i>Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Veronica Maddan
Friday, 24 th May Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's) (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Teodorico de Souza (Anniversary) Jaffe Babo (Get Well)
Saturday, 25 th May <i>Mem. of St. Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass with First Holy Communion (12.00 noon Mass at Our Lady's with FHC) (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	The Children/People of the Parish The Children/People of the Parish Peter Cox (Anniversary)
Sunday, 26 th May Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	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	Private Intention Peter Villar Camilo de Souza (Birthday) Cosme Ximenes, Alebina Xilly
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm; Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am (Confessions at Our Lady's: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm)		

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

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.

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.

Liturgical Year. Tomorrow we return to Ordinary Time and the cycle of weekday readings resumes at the 7th Week in Year II. The Sunday readings will be for Year B. If you pray the Divine Office, we begin tomorrow with Psalter Week 3.

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.



This Friday, 24th May, is the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians, the Patronal Feast Day of Our Lady's Parish. There will be Mass at 9.15 am in the morning, which will be attended by the children from Our Lady's School. There will be refreshments in the Don Bosco Centre after Mass. There will also be Mass at 7.00 pm.

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 Trahern, Cheryl Jones, Josie Griffiths and all those we know who are sick.

Please pray for Aires Antonio da Silva and Iris Kathleen O'Brien who died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgr. John Humphreys, Mgr. Wilfrid Moore, Canon Wilfrid Smith, Frs. Joseph Griffin, Ernest Cook, William Lyons, Anthony Davies, Thomas Foynes, Michael McKenna, Patrick Taylor, and also Peter Cox, Patrick Joseph Hannon, Konrad Mihailov, Jane Hannah Boyce, Dircia Da Conceicao Pedro and Benjamin Curtis. May they rest in peace.

	Counting rota	Readers' Rota (9.00 Mass)	Eucharistic Ministers' Rota		Flowers rota
This week	Kylla & Lilian	P. Chacka & Lizette	Josh Peter	John Thomas	Ghie & Rocelle
Next Week	Rachel & Phil	D. Wallace & D. da Silva	Pat	Lilian	Lizete

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.**

First Holy Communions. Please pray for the children of our parish and their families who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time next Saturday, 25th May at the 10.00 am Mass. Everyone is welcome.

The Catholic maritime charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is very grateful for this parish's prayer and financial support of its work on Sea Sunday last year. It invites parishioners to join an [online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday 28th May from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm](#). Its CEO and chaplains will share inspiring stories of how they have helped seafarers and fishers through your support. To register for this event, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024

Could you be a seed of hope? Today we start *Laudato Si* week, and the Archdiocese of Birmingham is inviting enthusiastic individuals to create a network of **Environment Champions**. Your mission would be to be a channel of communication between the Archdiocese and your parish, to promote Care of Creation and to enthuse others to help in responding to Pope Francis' call in *Laudato Si* to a spirituality which supports an ecological conversion. You will receive the full support of the Care for Creation Committee as part of the diocesan effort to act as stewards of creation.

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/seedofhope>

Parish Day Trip To Bournemouth.

Wednesday, 29th May (Half Term)

The coach is now full. If you wish to join us please come and speak to me in case there are cancellations. The coach will leave from outside Sacred Heart church at 9.30 am and return at about 7.00 pm.

Parish Raffle. Tickets for this year's raffle (to raise funds for our church) are 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

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.

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

Tailpiece: Humility is an important virtue. A girl was asked in school to write about her personal hero. Her father was flattered to discover that she had chosen him. "Why me?" he asked, hoping for some praise. "Because I couldn't spell Arnold Schwarzenegger," she replied.

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