



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Sixth Sunday of Easter

5th May, 2024

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Sunday, 5 th May Sixth Sunday of Easter	(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	Joaquim Aleixo Rodrigues da Silva, Leonardo Araujo Mota, Sofia Noemia da Jesus Rodrigues Private Intention Lisa O'Brien The People of the Parish Menino Pereira
Monday, 6 th May	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Sr. Maria's Intentions
Tuesday, 7 th May	No Public Mass Today	Anne Christine O'Flanagan (Anniv.)
Wednesday, 8 th May	No Public Mass Today	Clare and Robert Curtis
Thursday, 9 th May Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Michael Iagoe Paddy Summerfield
Friday, 10 th May <i>Op. Mem. of St. John of Avila, Priest</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Mena Rhodes (Anniversary)
Saturday, 11 th May	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Fernando Neves Liu & Luzia Pereira Lobato In Thanksgiving
Sunday, 12 th May Seventh Sunday of Easter <i>World Communications Day</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	Private Intention Cecilia Michael R.K. Joshi Jack Doherty
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 here or visiting for the Bank Holiday.

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 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: Bishop Joseph Gray, Canons Bernard Hirrill and Francis Woodward, Frs. Michael Byrne, James Dutton, Donal O'Connor, Francis Carr, Walter Joseph Joret and Patrick Cocklin, Deacon James Duffy, and also Frank Treacy, Robert Curtis, Michael Iago and Ivor Bridgewater. May they rest in peace.

	Counting rota	Readers' Rota (9.00 Mass)	Eucharistic Ministers' Rota		Flowers rota
This week	Chris & Edwin	J. Esteban & K. Abrigo	Philomena	Anne Marie	Priya & Family
Next Week	Sally & Phil	R. Breward & V. Robbins	Chris D.	Rolly	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.*

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.

THANK YOU. *A big thank you to the brave people who turned up last Saturday in the rain and cold to work of the grounds around the church. Well done!*

Holiday of Obligation. Next Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven. All Catholics should make an effort to attend Mass. Here at Sacred Heart there will be Mass at 7.00 pm.

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

May Devotions. Today 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.

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

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.. It's much more interesting than you may be thinking. It will include having to identify different wines (after tasting!) and cheeses (ditto!). Put the date in your diary: Saturday, 18th May, after the evening Mass. Entrance fee: £5 on the door.

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

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. An atheist went to a boxing match and found that he was sitting next to a priest. At the start of the fight one contestant came out making the Sign of the Cross. "Do you believe that does any good?" asked the atheist. "Not if he can't box it doesn't," replied the priest.

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