



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

2nd June, 2024

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Sunday, 2 nd June Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	(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	Josie O'Connor (Anniversary) Private Intention Luzia Pereira Lobato, Fernando Nevis Liu, Eugenia Lobato Marjorie Chungtuyco (Anniv.) Fernanda, Fernando & Lucioano Amaral & Deonizo da Costa
Monday, 3 rd June Mem. of Ss. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	The Salesian Sisters
Tuesday, 4 th June	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Fr. Hudson's Care
Wednesday, 5 th June Mem. of St. Boniface, Martyr	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish
Thursday, 6 th June Op. Mem. of St. Norbert, Bishop	(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Katherine Raj
Friday, 7 th June Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 7.00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart	Carlotta Maria da Costa
Saturday, 8 th June Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass (12.30 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	John Walsh & Maria Durkin Leo Ostrowski Isabel Honai & Delvi Manuel Fernandes
Sunday, 9 th June Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	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 Kathryn Allsworth (Birthday) Manuel & Madelena Salsima
Confessions: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm; Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am (Confessions at Our Lady's: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm)		

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

Today we are celebrating the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, The Body of Christ.

In Holy Communion Jesus feeds us with His Body and Blood and so shares with us His own life.

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 Iris Kathleen O'Brien who died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Bishop James Dey, Canon Harry Bouchier, Frs. John Avery Lane, Benedict Tarbuck, John Crean and Peter Gallagher, Sr. Rose Cavanagh FMA, and also Nicholas Cleary. May they rest in peace. There will be a funeral service for Iris at Headington Cemetery Chapel at 11.00 am on Tuesday, 11th June.

	Counting rota	Readers' Rota (9.00 Mass)	Eucharistic Ministers' Rota		Flowers rota
This week	Chris & Edwin	K. Abrigo & J. Esteban	Phil D.	Anne Marie S.	Lizete
Next Week	Sally & Phil	V. Robbins & R. Costa	Chris D.	Rolly E.	Jacqui

Prayer at the end of Mass:

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! *Pray for us, O holy Mother of God*, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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

NOTE: This Friday is the Feast of the Sacred Heart – the patronal feast day of our Parish. Just for this week, therefore, I shall swap the Masses over: the 7.00 evening Mass on Friday will be celebrated here at Sacred Heart Church. There will be no Mass here on Thursday, but there will be Mass at 7.00 pm at Our Lady's on Thursday evening.

Good Shepherd Mass. Tuesday, 10.00 am at Our Lady's. Each Lent school children all over the Archdiocese raise money for Fr. Hudson's Care. Each year, at the end of the appeal, there is a celebration of Mass at several churches across the Archdiocese. This year Our Lady's has been given the honour of hosting the Mass in this area. Children from many schools will be there, and Our Lady's School will have a leading role. Please join us if you can.

Gardening at Sacred Heart. Could you manage another gardening day, please, to try to keep the grounds in order? Saturday, 15th June, 8.00-12.00 am. It would be useful if people could donate some more tools, we need a couple of spades. If anyone could donate some plants, ground covering plants and small shrubs to give summer and autumn colour that would be great.

Corpus Christi Procession today, 2nd June, starting from the Oxford Oratory at 2.30 pm, going first to Blackfriars for a sermon and ending with Benediction at the University Chaplaincy. All are welcome.

General Election. St. Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see www.cafod.org.uk/encounter or www.svp.org.uk/encounter for more information. The Bishops' Conference have created a webpage on their website with information about the issues important to Catholics. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

Could you be a seed of hope? The Archdiocese of Birmingham is inviting enthusiastic individuals to create a network of **Environment Champions** to be a channel of communication between the Archdiocese and your parish, to promote Care of Creation and to enthuse others to help. 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>



Missio Red Boxes. If you have a Red Box at home in which you put your loose change for the Missions, please bring it in to be emptied and counted by Sunday, 16th June.

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.

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

Job Vacancy: SENDCO at St. John Fisher Catholic School in Littlemore. This 2.5-days/week post will see you lead on SEND in the school. More info at <https://www.st-john-fisher.oxon.sch.uk/> or contact the school office on 01865 779676.

The Oxford Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order: Day of Recollection, Saturday 15th June, 10.00 – 4.00, at the Mornese Centre, Elmthorpe Covent, on the theme of God's Extravagant Love – the witness of St. Francis and St. Clare. There will be talks, Mass, and time for reflection and prayer. Tea and coffee will be available but please bring a packed lunch. All welcome.

Tailpiece: Overheard in a department store; one exhausted husband to another: "Do you ever wonder how many fig leaves Eve tried on before she said, 'I'll take this one'?"

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