



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Easter Sunday
20th April, 2025

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

Sunday, 20 th April Easter Sunday	8.00 pm Easter Vigil 7.30 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (8.45 am Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's) 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) NO EVENING MASS	Edward and Mary Murphy Private Intention Cecilia Michael Patricia Cuddy
Monday, 21 st April Monday within the Easter Octave	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Jaffe Jeuen Andrade Babo and Ercia Fabiola Guterres Andrade
Tuesday, 22 nd April Tuesday within the Easter Octave	No Public Mass Today	Sr. Maria (Birthday)
Wednesday, 23 rd April Wednesday within the Easter Octave	No Public Mass Today	Regina and Frank McLoughlin (65 th Wedding Anniversary)
Thursday, 24 th April Thursday within the Easter Octave	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish
Friday, 25 th April Friday within the Easter Octave	No Public Mass Today	Sr. Mary Cecilia Treacy FMA
Saturday, 26 th April Saturday within the Easter Octave	No Public Morning Mass (1.00 pm Marriage Service at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady's)	Clodagh Murphy and Robert Spiers Nancy Lyons (Birthday)
Sunday, 27 th April Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday	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 Paddy McCartney Jean Hinchon (Birthday) Martino Da Silva Jeronimo

Welcome to Sacred Heart for Mass today

especially if you are new to the parish or visiting for the Easter holidays.

The Easter Season begins today, Easter Sunday, and ends after Evening Prayer on Pentecost Sunday. These fifty days are a very special time and, as St. Athanasius wrote, they “are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one great Sunday.”

We are a parish with a clear identity and purpose: to be a Catholic community, formed by the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus, for the glory and praise of God the Father and the service of His Kingdom, and also for the mutual building up and support of its members. The core message that we feel called to live is contained in Jesus' words:

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10)

*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.*

	Counting rota	Readers' Rota (9.00 Mass)	Eucharistic Ministers' Rota		Flowers rota
This week	N/A	D. Silva & D. Wallace	Josh Peter	N/A	Jacqui
Next Sunday	Rachel and Phil		Pat McGroaty	Lilian Tatenda Mwawa	Jacqui

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Sally McVeigh, Keith Dolton, Barry Holland, Rosalind Ingrams, Betty Duff, Claudino Serra Vaz, Inna, Beatrice Upham, Eileen McGarry, Keelin Trahearn, Cheryl Jones, Josie Griffiths, Mary Cross, Nuala McNally, Rosa Fernandes, Maggie Durkin, Tony Davies, Cathleen Kennedy, Jim Kennedy and Ella Dawson and all those we know who are sick.

Please pray for Sr. Mary Cecilia Treacy, Barbara Anderson, Julian Derczynski, Rosemary Griffiths who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Bishop Patrick Leo McCartie, Frs. Hugh Griffith, Andrew Kenny, Oswald Joyce, Liam Bouchier, Benjamin Cox, Wilfrid Davenport, Desmond Donnelly and Peter Dennison, Deacon Peter Seeney, and also Bryan Frederick Styles, Esther Masterson, Thomas (Tommy) White, Alfonso Pereira, Sheila Dempsey, Anne Teresa Delaney, Ellen Bolger, Eddie Parker, Ellen Monks and Peter Nottingham. May they rest in peace.

Remember: refreshments are available in the hall after the 9.00 am Mass on Sundays.

A big thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our Easter celebrations so beautiful. Thank you to the altar servers, the flower arrangers, the cleaners, the musicians, the Eucharistic ministers, the readers, and most of all to those brave souls (soles?) who volunteered to have their feet washed.

Gift Aid Envelopes. If you gift aid your weekly offerings in the collection (thank you), please collect your new box of envelopes from the back of church today.

Easter Duties. Because of the central importance of Easter to the Christian faith, the Church says 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.

July 5th! July 5th! July 5th! This Jubilee Day for Young People gives all young people the opportunity to come together and celebrate the great joy of being Pilgrims of Hope! Parish youth groups, families and Young Adults can register to join the 14m Pilgrimage Walk from 08.30 at the Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis to St. Chad's Cathedral where we will celebrate Mass with Bishop Tim at 4.30 pm.

Alternatively, parish youth groups can join us from 11.30 am at St. Chad's Cathedral for games, workshops, tours, social time, reconciliation and our Mass together with walkers at 4.30 pm.

If you are young (!) and interested in this day, please tell Joyce Kamugisha.

Divine Mercy Sunday. This week we are encouraged to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet (leaflets at the back of church), and next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday.

Traditionally the collection at the Easter Masses is your personal offering to your priest. There are envelopes at the back of Church to use if you wish. Thank you very much.

Prayer Vigil For Life. Join Bishop Tim Menezes at the candlelight prayer vigil for life organised by March for Life UK at 7.00 pm on Sunday, 27th April. The event will be held in Victoria Square, Birmingham to remember the 57th anniversary of the implementation of the Abortion Act. Please join in this peaceful, prayerful time of reflection. No need to bring posters or candles. For more information go to marchforlife.co.uk

Trustee Birmingham Diocese vacancy. The Trustees of the Birmingham Diocesan Trust are looking to recruit a skilled, Catholic volunteer with professional experience of safeguarding to join the Board of Trustees and chair the Safeguarding Sub-Committee. Further details available at Safeguarding | Birmingham Diocesan Trust

Tailpiece: A Parish Priest put hot-air hand-dryers in the toilets at his church, but after just two weeks he took them out again. When asked why, he confessed that they worked very well, but when he went in he found that someone had put up a sign that read: "For a sample of this week's sermon, push the button."

**Have a very happy and blessed Easter.
May God bless you and all those whom you love.
Fr. Harry**

