



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Sixth Sunday of Easter

25th May, 2025

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Happy Easter, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Sunday, 25 th May <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	(5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass 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) (2.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Sissie McManus RIP (100 th Birthday) Private Intention Jacinta Soares, Eric Soares da Costa Maria Auxiliadora do Rego Soriano Osose Otiobhi Fernanda, Fernando, Luciano, Fransisca, Amelia, and Manuel
Monday, 26 th May <i>Memorial of St. Philip Neri, Priest</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Elena Monteiro
Tuesday, 27 th May <i>Feast of St. Augustine of Canterbury</i>	No Public Mass Today	Eric Edwards (Birthday)
Wednesday, 28 th May	No Public Mass Today	Margaret Griffin (Anniversary)
Thursday, 29 th May <i>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</i> <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Deacon Bill Parker (Anniversary) The People of the Parish
Friday, 30 th May	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, 31 st May <i>Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass (3.30 pm Marriage Service at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Esperanca Costa & Armino Borges Dooyum Kyaagba & Kighir Lam Patrick and Sarah Davey
Sunday, 1 st June <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i> <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) (2.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Private Intention Pedro Goncalves & Margarida Jesus Domingos Santos, Felicidade Santos & Jose Antonio Cardoso (1 st Anniv.) The People of the Parish
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm; Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am. (Also at Our Lady's on Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm.)		

Welcome to Sacred Heart today
especially if you are new to the parish or visiting for the Bank Holiday.

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	Chris and Edwin	D. Wallace and Blossom	Rolly Esteban	John Thomas	Claire & Family
Next week	Sally and Phil	R. Galinda and K. Abrigo	Pat McGroarty	Anne Marie Sonan	Priya & Family

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, Cheryl Jones, Josie Griffiths, Mary Cross, Nuala McNally, Maggie Durkin, Tony Davis, Cathleen Kennedy, Jim Kennedy, Ella Dawson and all those we know who are sick.

Please pray for Srs. Mary Louise Ballard and Teresa Frost FMA, Keelin Trahearn, Denis O'Connor, Teresa Heavey, Maria Teotonia Fatima de Sa, Michael O'Donoghue, Yvonne Alice Brennen, Dolores Steele and Rosie Hart who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mgr. Wilfrid Doran, Canon John Gunn, Frs. Thomas Bagnall, Michael McKenna, Patrick Taylor, John Kearns, James Francis Ward, Dermot Corcoran, Joseph Lacy, Cornelius Healy, Charles Stephen Dessain CO, Deacon William Parker, and Sr. Bruna Livieri FMA, and also Sarah Curtis, Lucia Bianchini, Mary O'Mahoney, Margaret Griffin, Delia Conroy, Pauline Josephine Ryan and Claire Heafey. May they rest in peace.

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

First Holy Communion. The children of our parish who have been preparing to receive their first Holy Communion, will do so here at Sacred Heart on Saturday, 14th June, at 11.00 am. Please pray for them and their families.

Day for Life, 15th June. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, *Day for Life* is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year it falls on **15 June**. The theme is *Finding meaning in Suffering – Hope does not Disappoint*.

Sacred Heart Parish Summer Fete. This is one of our main fundraising events of the year and it will be held on Saturday, 28th June. Please put the date in your diary and come along. See Jacqui if you are willing to help.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is this Thursday, 29th May. It is a Holyday of Obligation. There will be Mass at Our Lady's at 10.00 am and at Sacred Heart at 7.00 pm

Pentecost Sunday. At the 9.00 am Mass on Pentecost Sunday (8th June) we shall celebrate how our parish is an image of the whole Church: many peoples and languages brought into one by the Holy Spirit. It would be lovely to have different people reading prayers in their own language. Please let me know if you would like to do this.

Pentecost On-Line Prayer Meeting, on Sunday 8th June, 7.15 pm. There will be the Novena to the Holy Spirit to pray for the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. All welcome. To register, contact Eva on evasmithson1112@gmail.com.

Altar Servers' Day. On 21st June, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Brook Lane, Thame, OX9 2AB. Gather from 9:30 – 15:00 for a day of fun, prayer, and serving. For more, ask Paddie patrick.denton@kenelmouthtrust.org.uk

Congratulations. With great joy I print this from a letter from Lyndsey Caldwell, Headteacher at Greyfriars School:

"I am delighted to share with you the outcome of our recent Catholic Schools Inspection, which recognised the exceptional progress Greyfriars is making as a school rooted in faith, service, and ambition. We were judged to be Good overall, but it is with pride that I can tell you we were judged Outstanding in two key areas:

→ The provision for Catholic Life and Mission, and

→ The leadership and governance of Religious Education.

The judgments in these two important areas are a testament to the extraordinary commitment of our staff and the wholehearted engagement of our students. They reflect the strength of our community and the clear trajectory of ongoing improvement we are on as a school."

This great news follows hard on news that Lynsey herself was recently named a Bronze Winner in the Pearson National Teaching Awards for Headteacher of the Year 2025. The award recognises school leaders who have made a significant difference to the lives of students, staff and the wider community.

Many congratulations to Lyndsey and to all involved in the life of Greyfriars School.

Tailpiece: One day God was wondering whether people were behaving well, so He sent one of His angels to earth for a time. When he returned, he told God, 'It is not good news; 95% of people on earth are misbehaving and only 5% are not.' When He heard that, God decided to email the 5% who were good to encourage them, to give them a little something to help them keep going. Do you know what the email said?

No?

Okay, just wondering. I didn't get one either.....

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