



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Second Sunday of Easter or

Divine Mercy Sunday

27th April, 2025

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Happy Easter, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Sunday, 27 th April Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday	(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) 6.00 pm Mass	Nancy Lyons (Birthday) Private Intention Paddy McCartney Jean Hinchon (Birthday) Martino Da Silva Jeronimo
Monday, 28 th April Solemnity of St. George, Martyr	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Anne Kennedy (Anniversary)
Tuesday, 29 th April Feast of St. Catherine of Siena	(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's School)	Mena Rhodes (Anniversary)
Wednesday, 30 th April <i>Memorial of St. Pius V, Pope</i>	No Public Mass Today	Igor Bogatirjov (Anniversary)
Thursday, 1 st May <i>Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker</i>	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	The People of the Parish
Friday, 2 nd May <i>Mem. of St. Athanasius, Bishop</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, 3 rd May Feast of St. Philip & St. James, Apostles	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Private Intention Kathleen Mullagh
Sunday, 4 th May Third Sunday of Easter	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 Mary and Jimmy Doyle Jean Hinchon (Birthday) 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 Easter.

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.*



Pope Francis died on Easter Monday, April 21, aged 88, at his residence in the Vatican's Casa Santa Marta. Last Monday morning Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Camerlengo of the Holy Roman Church, announced: "Dearest brothers and sisters, with deep sorrow I must announce the death of our Holy Father Francis. At 7.35 this morning, the Bishop of Rome, Francis, returned to the house of the Father. His entire life was dedicated to the service of the Lord and of His Church. He taught us to live the values of the Gospel with fidelity, courage, and universal love, especially in favour of the poorest and most marginalized. With immense gratitude for his example as a true disciple of the Lord Jesus, we commend the soul of Pope Francis to the infinite merciful love of the One and Triune God."

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

	Counting rota	Readers' Rota (9.00 Mass)	Eucharistic Ministers' Rota		Flowers rota
This week	Rachel and Phil	Youth Group	Pat McGroaty	Lilian 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 Pope Francis, Sr. Mary Louise, Denis O'Connor and Rosemary Griffiths who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frs. Peter Cooney, Peter Heath and Thomas William O'Connor, and also Gaspare Licata, Elisabeth Fitzgibbons, Anne Kennedy, John Gingell, Igor Bogatirjov, Maureen Hinken, Iris O'Brien, Vincent Murray, Paddy Macartney, Patrick Griffiths, Mary Whelan, Keiran Braiden and L. Peter. May they rest in peace.

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

Divine Mercy Sunday. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady's this afternoon, for an hour starting at 3.00 pm. All are welcome to join me for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3.00 and quiet prayer.

Solemnity of St. George. Due to the Easter Octave the feast of St George, Patron of England, will be transferred to tomorrow, Monday, 28th April.

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.

Tailpiece. Sometimes notices in church newsletters could be phrased better. Here are a couple of examples that appealed to me:

"Weight watchers will meet at 6.30 pm. Please use the large double door on the north side."

"The loudspeakers in the church are being given by one of our members in memory of his wife."

Thank you for your generosity to me in the collection last Sunday and also for your gifts, cards, good wishes and prayers. I appreciate them very much.

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