



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Solemnity of

the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

(Corpus Christi)

22nd June, 2025

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Sunday, 22 nd June Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	(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	Fernando Candido Da Silva Private Intention Nancy McDonnell Jackie Murdoch (Birthday) The People of the Parish
Monday, 23 rd June <i>Op. Mem. of St. Etheldreda (Audrey), Abbess</i>	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Azad and Ruth (Wedding Anniv.)
Tuesday, 24 th June Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Regina and Frank McLaughlin
Wednesday, 25 th June	No Public Mass Today	Michael Ruddy
Thursday, 26 th June	(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Nossa Senhora de Fatima
Friday, 27 th June Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Sean and Marion Hurley
Saturday, 28 th June <i>Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Confirmation Mass at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at Our Lady's)	The Confirmandi Epifania Auxiliadora Da Costa Soares
Sunday, 29 th June Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles	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 Frank Benson Kamugisha Special Intention Joaao Bosco Maria Do Rego Soriano
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm. <i>(Also at Our Lady's on Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm.)</i>		

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass today.

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	V. Robbins and D. Silva	Philomena Doherty	John Thomas	Ghie & Rocelle
Next week	Sally and Phil	D. Wallace and Blossom	Rolly Esteban	Anne Marie Sonan	

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for Sally McVeigh, Keith Dolton, Barry Holland, Rosalind Ingrams, Betty Duff, Claudio 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, Mary Barry and all we know who are sick.

Please pray for Fr. John Baggley, Yvonne Alice Brennen and Rosie Hart who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Hugh Montgomery, Frs. Thomas M Browne, John Boyer, James Walsh, John Bradley, George Grynowski, John Joseph McMorrow and Deacon Ralph Watkins, and also Pearl Flanagan, Bridget (Delia) White, Maddalena (Lena) Puma, Thomas Martin Ghee, Ron Jones, Cora Proctor, Nancy McDonnell, Olivia Frances Ludbrook. May they rest in peace.

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

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.

Sacred Heart Parish Youth Group. In case you don't know, the Parish Youth Group meet in the hall here every other Wednesday, 6.00 – 7.30 pm. Come and join them to discover more about the Faith and share food together. There are also trips out:

- Today, 22nd June, trip to the Malvern hills
- 5th July youth pilgrimage to St Chad's cathedral.

Please see Joyce for more information.

Feast of the Sacred Heart.

Please note that because this Friday is our patronal feast day, our Masses for Thursday and Friday have been swapped around. That means that Mass at Our Lady's will be on Thursday (not Friday) at 7.00 pm. Mass on Friday will be at 7.00 pm here at Sacred Heart.

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of St Peter and St. Paul. There will be a second collection for “Peter's Pence”.

The annual Corpus Christi Procession through the streets of Oxford will take place this afternoon, Sunday, 22nd June. The procession will leave the Oratory church of St. Aloysius at 2:30 pm, going first to Blackfriars for a sermon and ending with Benediction at the University Chaplaincy. Academics are encouraged to wear gowns, and First Communicants their dresses and suits. Children are invited to bring flower petals to scatter in the procession.

Fr. John Baggley's Requiem will be at Corpus Christi, Headington, on Wednesday, 2nd July at 12.00 noon. The Archbishop will preside. Fr. John's body will be received into Corpus Christi church the evening before (Tuesday 1st July) at 7.00 pm with Mass. Fr. John was Parish Priest here at Sacred Heart from 1998-2000 and it would be nice if some parishioners could be there, please.

NEXT SATURDAY: Our Summer Fete, 2.00-4.00 pm.



Don't miss out on the chance to win the raffle! Lucky dip, bottle stall, tombola, plant stall, games, cake stall, etc. Tea and coffee.

All welcome. Please come and support.

Vacancy. The Archdiocese of Birmingham is seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and experienced RICS Chartered General Practice Surveyor to join its Property Team. The key role of the Property Team is to provide advice and guidance for management of parish property, the school estate as well as manage all property held centrally by the Archdiocese. Reporting to the Archdiocese's Head of Property, you will play a key part in the delivery of the team's objectives whilst promoting and supporting the diocesan vision and implementing the strategic property strategy. Applications including a CV and supporting statement to be submitted to the HR department to julia.hale@rcaob.org.uk by noon on Monday, 30th June 2025. Shortlisting: w/c 30th June. Interviews: w/c 21st July.

Tailpiece: A woman overheard her seven-year-old daughter praying one night, “Bless Mummy and Daddy, and please make three sevens twenty-three.” Next morning the woman confessed to having overheard her, “But why do you want three sevens to be twenty-three?” she asked. “Because that's what I put in my tables test at school,” her daughter replied.

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