



# Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

## *The Solemnity of Pentecost*

8<sup>th</sup> June, 2025

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**Happy Easter, everyone.**

***Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and has sent us the Holy Spirit.***

Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Solemnity of Pentecost</b>  <i>(Eastertide ends this evening)</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) <b>9.00 am Mass</b> (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) <b>1.00 pm Baptism</b> <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	Tommy Gildea (Birthday)  Private Intention Cecilia Michael Josie O'Connor (Anniversary) Josie Salter-Griffiths Reuben Alexander Guimaraes
Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> June <i>Op. Mems. of St. Columba, Abbot or St. Ephrem, Deacon</i>	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Private Intention
Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> June	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Lisa & Ian Birch (30 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Mem. of St. Barnabas, Apostle</b>	<b>No Public Mass Today</b>	Dermot and Josephine McMahon and the People of the Parish
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> June	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (11.00 am Requiem Mass at Our Lady's) <b>6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction</b> <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	Sr. Teresa Frost FMA  Bill Carrington
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Mem. of St. Anthony of Padua</b>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Paul Agapito Gama
Saturday, 14 <sup>th</sup> June	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>11.00 am First Holy Communion Mass</b> (1.30 pm Marriage Service, and Baptism at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at Our Lady's)	The First Holy Communicants Natalia Stankiewicz & Nuno Ferrao Julia Ferrao Pat Murphy (8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
Sunday, 15 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</b> <i>Day for Life</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.00 am Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's) <b>9.00 am Mass</b> (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	Private Intention Magdalena Hiceta Nancy Lyons (Anniversary) The People of the Parish
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm; Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am. <i>(Also at Our Lady's on Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm.)</i>		

**Welcome to Sacred Heart Church for Mass today.**

**Today is Pentecost Sunday.** At the 9.00 Mass we shall celebrate that our parish is an image of the whole Church: many peoples and languages brought into one by the Holy Spirit. We shall have prayers in different languages, and after Mass we shall have a "Bring and Share" meal when we can join and have foods from all parts of the world. Please stay and celebrate.

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	Kylla and Lilian	D. Silva and Blossom	Chris Donovan	Pawel Drozd	Priya & Family
Next week					

**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 and all those we know who are sick.

**Please pray for Srs. Mary Louise Ballard and Teresa Frost FMA, Michael O'Donoghue, Yvonne Alice Brennen, Dolores Steele and Rosie Hart** who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bishop James Dey, Mgr. Bernard Robinson, Frs. John Arthur McIver, John Lane, Timothy Cronin, William Quinn, Gerard McArdle, Cyril Adams, Joseph Lanny, and Dcn Peter Phelan, Srs. Agnes Collett and Brigid Cahill FMA, and also Charles McHugh, Orlando Abrunho and Patrick Donagh. May they rest in peace.

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

**The Easter Season, which began on Easter Sunday, ends this evening. It has been a wonderful time in the life of our parish. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make it so special.**

Tomorrow we return to Ordinary Time and the cycle of weekday readings resumes at the 10<sup>th</sup> Week in Cycle 1. Remember, if you have not yet made your Easter Duties you have only until next Sunday to do so.

**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 this Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, at 11.00 am. Please pray for them and their families.

**Sacred Heart Parish Summer Fete.** This is one of our main fundraising events of the year and it will be held on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> June. Please put the date in your diary and come along. See Jacqui if you are willing to help. Tickets for the raffle are on sale after Mass today, or you can take booklets away with you to sell.

**Pentecost On-Line Prayer Meeting,** on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 [evasmithson112@gmail.com](mailto:evasmithson112@gmail.com).

**Altar Servers' Day.** On 21<sup>st</sup> 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@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](mailto:patrick.denton@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk)

**The Friends of The College** invite you to a Garden Party at Newman's College, Littlemore on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 3.00-5.00 pm. Come with you friends and family and enjoy a lovely afternoon in the beautiful College garden. All proceeds will go towards Newman's College.

**Urgent:** In the porch there are copies of a letter from Archbishop John Sherrington ahead of the debates and third reading vote on the *Terminaly Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill* that are likely to be on 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June. **He asks again that each of us should write to our MP to ask her to vote against this Bill.** Your Voice Matters.

**Day for Life, Trinity Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> June.** Every year, the Church in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, jointly marks the Day for Life, as a reminder of the need to respect and protect the inherent value and dignity of each life. We will also hold a second collection for the Day for Life Fund.

**The Oxford Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order (OFS)** will be holding an Open Quiet Day of Recollection on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> June at the Mornese Centre, Elmthorpe Convent. There will be Mass, talks, devotions and time for prayer. All welcome. 9.30 am - 4.00 pm. Bring a packed lunch; refreshments available. Offerings gratefully received.

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**Tailpiece:** A man went to see his Parish Priest. "Father, something terrible is happening. My wife is poisoning me." The priest, very surprised, answered, "I'm sure you must be mistaken." The man insisted, "No, I'm certain she's poisoning me. What should I do?" The priest then said, "Well, let me have a quiet word with her. I'll see what I can find out and I'll let you know." A day later the priest called the man and said, "Well, I spoke to your wife. I spoke to her on the phone for over three hours. Do you want my advice?" The man replied, "Yes, please, Father." The priest said earnestly, "Take the poison!"

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