

Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Second Sunday of Easter or

Divine Mercy Sunday

12th April, 2026

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Happy Easter, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Sunday, 12 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) (3.00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Sheila Jennings Private Intention Doreen McInerney Tom Gaughan (Anniversary) Feliciano, Augusta, Zetiti, Paya and Elisa
Monday, 13 th April <i>Feria of Easter</i> <i>Optional Memorial of St. Martin I</i>	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.30 am Mass at St. John Fisher School)	Fr. Peter Dooley (Anniversary) Special Intention
Tuesday, 14 th April <i>Feria of Easter</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's School)	Mabel
Wednesday, 15 th April <i>Feria of Easter</i>	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish
Thursday, 16 th April <i>Feria of Easter</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Jos and Priya (Wedding Anniv.)
Friday, 17 th April <i>Feria of Easter</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Patrick Murphy (Anniversary)
Saturday, 18 th April <i>Feria of Easter</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass (2.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Edward and Mary Murphy Paula Jofran Da Silva Patricia Cuddy
Sunday, 19 th April 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 Cecilia Michael Ann Marie Clark (1 st Anniversary) Maria Auxiliadora do Rego Soriano and Tioborcio Do Rego Soriano
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.

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

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.

Please pray for the sick, especially people we know: Bridie Barry, Josie Griffiths, Claire French, Inna, Jean Carpenter, Beatrice Upham, Terry Jackson, Mary Cross, Sheila Cuddy, Rosa Fernandes, Maggie Durkin, Tony Davis, John Hudgell, Pat Walsh, Doreen Teagle, Mary Barry, Mary Cairns, Lisa Birch and Julio Madeira Cabral Soares.

Please pray for John Lillis, Julia Scully, Gladys ("Bonnie") Trowell, Theresa Cahill, Professor Judith Champ who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Frs. Anthony Browne and Peter Moore, and also Roland Allsworth Snr., Jose Do Livramento De Abreu, Ann Marie Clark, Joseph Kelly, Anne Doherty, Dorothy Byrne, Philomena Hilsdon and Doreen Bernyce McEneaney. May they rest in peace.

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

Congratulations and Welcome to Amy-Rose Buckland who received the Sacraments of Initiation here during the Easter Mass last Sunday morning. May God bless her and her family.

A big thank you to the altar servers, the sacristans, the flower arrangers, the cleaners, the musicians, the Eucharistic ministers, the foot-washees, the readers and anyone else who contributed to our celebration of Our Lord's Passion and Resurrection.

A Day of Healing. Littleway Healing Ministries is holding a Day of Healing at Our Lady's next Saturday, 18th April, 10.30 am – 4.00 pm, led by Fr. Kevin Dixon, Mrs Helen Callaghan and the Littleway Team. Join us for praise, prayer and testimonies. All are welcome, come for the day, bring a packed lunch, or just pop in. For more: info@littlewayhealingministries.com

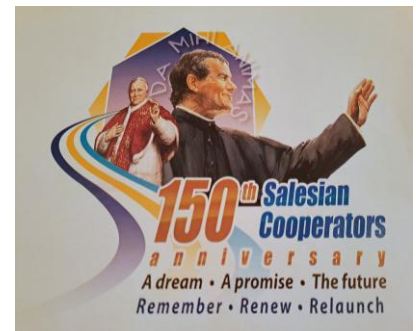
Gift Aid Envelopes. If you have not already done so, the new Gift Aid envelopes are available for you to collect from the back of the church if you are signed up for it, please. **We do need more people to be involved in the Gift Aid scheme, please.** If you don't already gift aid your donations to Sacred Heart could we ask you to consider doing so? Please talk to our Gift Aid officer, Lilian Mwawa, after Mass for further information or if you are already a gift-aider and your circumstances (e.g. your address) have changed. If you can't find Lilian, please speak to me.

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.

Oxford Pro-Life Drinks. Saturday, 18th April, 7.00 pm. The Victoria, (90 Walton St, Oxford OX2 6EB). Come along to relax with like-minded people and keep connected with the pro-life community in Oxford. New comers are especially welcome! Just turn up, and why not bring a friend? [Visit our website](http://www.oxfordprolife.org.uk) for more info and to RSVP [oxfordprolife.org.uk](http://www.oxfordprolife.org.uk).

Cowley Salesian Cooperators

warmly invite you to celebrate Holy Mass with them on the 23rd May at 12.00 noon in Our Lady Help of Christians parish church for the 150th



Salesian Cooperators' anniversary. Please join us with an open heart to commemorate the dream and work that continues today because of St John Bosco.

First Holy Communion classes re-start this Thursday at 3.30 pm in the Don Bosco Centre at Our Lady's.

Tailpiece: Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" "Because white is the colour of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life." The child thought about this for a moment, then said "So why is the groom wearing black?"

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