



# Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

## *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

10<sup>th</sup> May, 2026

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**Happy Easter, everyone.**

**Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!**

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| Sunday, 10 <sup>th</sup> May<br><b><i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i></b>  | <i>(5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at Our Lady's)</i><br><i>7.45 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i><br><i>(9.00 am Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's)</i><br><b>9.00 am Mass</b><br><i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i><br><i>(1.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's)</i><br><i>(2.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's)</i><br><b>6.00 pm Mass</b> | <i>Michael Iago (Anniversary)</i><br><br><i>Private Intention</i><br><i>Tommy Nimmo (2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday)</i><br><i>The People of the Parish</i><br><i>Nathan Chimeremeze Okwor</i><br><i>Maja Monika Gryze</i><br><i>Larry Gardner</i> |
| Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> May<br><i>Feria of Easter</i>  | <i>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i><br><i>(10.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i>   | <i>R. K. Joshi (Anniversary)</i>  |
| Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> May<br><i>Op. Mem. of Ss. Nereus &amp; Achilleus, or of St. Pancras</i>             | <i>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i><br><i>(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i>  | <i>R. K. Joshi (Anniversary)</i>  |
| Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May<br><i>Op. Mem. of Our Lady of Fatima</i>                                      | <b>No Public Mass Today</b>  | <i>Regina Mihailova</i>   |
| Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> May<br><b><i>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</i></b>                        | <i>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i><br><i>(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i><br><b>6.00 pm Exposition, Rosary, Benediction</b><br><b>7.00 pm Mass</b>   | <i>Igor Bogatirjov</i><br><br><i>Peter RIP</i>  |
| Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> May<br><i>Feria of Easter</i>  | <i>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i><br><i>(11.00 am Requiem Mass at Our Lady's)</i><br><i>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>  | <i>Theresa Cahill</i><br><i>Anne MacDonald (Birthday)</i>   |
| Saturday, 16 <sup>th</sup> May<br><i>Feria of Easter</i>  | <i>8.00 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i><br><b>10.00 am Mass</b><br><i>(5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at Our Lady's)</i>   | <i>John Durkin</i><br><i>Paulo Agapitode Gama (Anniversary)</i>   |
| Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May<br><b><i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i></b><br><br><i>World Communications Day</i> | <i>7.45 am Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer</i><br><i>9.00 am Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's)</i><br><b>9.00 am Mass</b><br><i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i><br><i>(2.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's)</i><br><b>6.00 pm Mass</b>  | <i>Private Intention</i><br><i>Cecilia Michael</i><br><i>Special Int. (the Grace of Detachment)</i><br><i>Isabelle Kim Dicks</i><br><i>The People of the Parish</i>   |

Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm; Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am. *(And also at Our Lady's: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm.)*

**Welcome to Sacred Heart today especially if you are new to the parish.**

*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.*

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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)*

|             | Readers                      | Eucharistic Ministers |             | Flowers        |
|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------------|
|             | 9.00 am                      | 9.00 am               | 6.00 pm     |                |
| This Sunday | Anyu Elizebeth & Daiva Silva | Philomena Doherty     | Pawel Drozd | Priya & Family |
| Next Sunday | Priya Chacka & Dom           | Josh Peter            | John Thomas | Ghie & Rocelle |

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

**Please pray for Theresa Cahill, Beatrice Upham and Judith Champ** who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Canon Francis Woodward, Frs. Cathal Cassidy, Denis Hickling, and Sr. Georgina McPake FMA, and also Ivor Bridgewater, Gejjo Masih, Mary Frances O'Hara, Monica Pope, Margaret Boyle, R. K. Joshi, James Doherty, John McAndrew and Tom Thompson. May they rest in peace

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

**Holyday of Obligation.** Next Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven. It is a day when all Catholics are obliged to go to Mass if it is at all possible. Mass at Our Lady's will be at 9.15 in the morning. There will also be Mass at Sacred Heart at 7.00 pm.

**Pentecost.** Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May (two weeks' time) will be the great Feast of Pentecost when the Coming of the Holy Spirit reversed the curse of Babel and made all peoples able to understand the message of the Gospel. I am hoping that we can reflect that in our 9.00 am Mass by praying together in different languages. We shall also have a "Bring and Share" breakfast/lunch after Mass in the hall. Please bring some food to share from your native land so that we can enjoy the unity that God creates from our diversity.

**Cowley Salesian Cooperators** warmly invite you to celebrate Holy Mass with them on 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 12.00 noon in Our Lady's church for the 150<sup>th</sup> Salesian Cooperators anniversary. Please join us with an open heart to commemorate the dream and work that continues today because of St. John Bosco. There will be light refreshments after Mass in the Mornese Centre at Elmthorpe Convent. You can leave cars in Our Lady's church car park.

**Confirmations.** Bishop Richard will be with us on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> October, for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If, for some reason, you do not want to wait that long for the Sacrament, please come and speak to me.

**Sacred Heart Youth Group.** There will be the annual outing for young people to the Malvern hills on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> June. Please speak to Joyce for more information.

**Pray in May.** This May, our parish is invited to join Mary's Meals UK in their annual Pray in May campaign, praying for children worldwide who rely on a daily meal at school. Mary's Meals UK has produced a range of free prayer resources. These resources help us reflect on how prayer can lead to hope and practical action for those most in need: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/churches-and-prayers/pray-in-may-resources>

**Second Collections.** Today there is a second collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese. Next Sunday there will be a second collection for Catholic Communications.

**Safeguarding Training for Volunteers.** Do you volunteer to do anything at Sacred Heart Church (thank you, if you do)? If so, do you know your responsibilities in keeping people safe? Whatever your role, it is essential that you get some training, please. There is FREE training available online, which you can do at your own pace and your own time. It has been put together by the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA). You can get it on the CSSA website at [training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk](http://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk). Please speak to Onyi, our parish safeguarding rep, if you want more info.

**Pentecost Prayer & Praise** in the City Centre of Oxford on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, from 12.30 – 2.00 pm. For the songs and more details please contact Eva on [evasmithson1112@gmail.com](mailto:evasmithson1112@gmail.com) Everyone is welcome!

**Personal News.** The Archbishop has honoured me by appointing me as a member of the Metropolitan Chapter of Canons of St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. I shall be "installed" at St. Chad's Cathedral during the 12.15 pm Mass on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June. There will be refreshments after Mass. If you would like to come with me for the service at St. Chad's and then have a few hours in Birmingham, there will be a coach going from Oxford to St. Chad's and back on the day. The cost will be £10 per person. It will leave here at 8.30 am and return to Oxford at about 6.00 pm. The cost will be £10 per person. Please sign the list in the church porch. Thank you.

**Tailpiece:** A priest borrowed a lawnmower from his neighbour, but he couldn't get it to start. So he went to his neighbour and asked, "Is there some special way to get your lawnmower to work?" The neighbour said, "Oh, yes. You have to swear at it." The priest said, "But I don't swear. I haven't sworn in over thirty years!" The neighbour said, "Well, just keep trying to start the mower. You'll find that it will all soon come back to you!"

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