



# Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

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**Happy Easter, everyone.**

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

Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>  <i>World Communications Day</i>	<i>(5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(9.00 am Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <b>9.00 am Mass</b> <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <i>(2.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's)</i> <i>(3.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's)</i> <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	<i>Paulo Agapitode Gama (Anniversary)</i>  <i>Private Intention</i> <i>Cecilia Michael</i> <i>Special Int. (the Grace of Detachment)</i> <i>Isabelle Kim Dicks</i> <i>Olaedo Alina Ezieke</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>
Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Op. Mem. of St. John I, Pope</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(10.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Eric Edwards (Birthday)</i>
Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Op. Mem. of St. Dunstan, Bishop</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Nossa Senhora de Penha</i>
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Op. Mem. of St. Bernadine of Siena</i>	<b>No Public Mass Today</b>	<i>Konrad Mihailov</i>
Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> May <i>Op. Mem. of St. Christopher Magallanes &amp; Companions</i>	<b>6.00 pm Exposition, Rosary, Benediction</b> <b>7.00 pm Mass</b>	<i>Tom Hiceta</i>
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May <i>Op. Memorial of St. Rita of Cascia, Religious</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's School)</i> <i>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Private Intention</i> <i>Antonio Pereira (Anniversary)</i>
Saturday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May <i>Feria of Easter</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>10.00 am Mass</b> <i>(12.00 noon Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <i>(5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	<i>Tony Davis (Get Well)</i> <i>The Salesian Cooperators</i> <i>Theodorico De Souza</i>
Sunday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Solemnity of Pentecost</b>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 9.00 am Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's <b>9.00 am Mass</b> <i>(11.00 am Mass with Baptism at Our Lady's)</i> <i>(2.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's)</i> <b>6.00 pm Mass</b>	<i>Private Intention</i> <i>Mary Winifred and George Newbold</i> <i>Ramona Yazbeck (6-month Anniv.)</i> <i>Hugo de Gouveia</i> <i>The People of the Parish</i>

Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm. *(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	
<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Priya Chacka &amp; Dom</b>	<b>Josh Peter</b>	<b>John Thomas</b>	<b>Ghie &amp; Rocelle</b>
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Blossom</b>	<b>Rolly Esteban</b>	<b>Lilian Tatenda Mwawa</b>	<b>Ghie &amp; Rocelle</b>

**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 and Beatrice Upham** who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Canon Wilfrid Smith, Mgr. John Humphreys, Frs. Joseph Griffin, Ernest Cook, William Lyons, Anthony Davies and Thomas Moynes, and also Jerzy Dybalski, Michael Joseph (Joe) McLoughlin, Dorothy Aveyard, Peter Cox, Patrick Hannon, Konrad Mihailov, Jane Hannah Boyce, Dircia Da Conceicao Pedro, Benjamin Curtis and Rozan Peiris. May they rest in peace.

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

**Pentecost.** Next Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May is 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.

**Food Hygiene Regulations:** With regard to the above notice, we must make sure that we are complying with Food Hygiene Regulations. The following information from the Diocese is offered with regard to parish events and gatherings. 'To make sure that we keep everyone safe we ask that everyone preparing food at home or bringing food: avoids preparing or bringing any dishes including nuts or nut oils; brings a list of all the ingredients included in the dish to the event; cleans all their work surfaces before beginning preparation; washes their hands before starting preparation and regularly during preparation; stores all food prepared in advance in a clean, covered container, and in the fridge where appropriate, before bringing to the event; where food is to be reheated in the church building for serving, one the team will oversee the heating to make sure the dish reaches the correct temperature. We will not be able to reheat any dish containing rice or fish.'

**Pentecost Prayer & Praise** in Oxford City Centre this 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!

**Cowley Salesian Cooperators** warmly invite you to celebrate Holy Mass with them this Saturday, 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.

**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.

**Sacred Heart Parish Day.** Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> July. Further details to follow, but raffle tickets are on sale at the back of church as you leave today.

**Pray in May.** This May, our parish is invited to join Mary's Meals UK in their annual Pray in May campaign, For resources or information go to: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/churches-and-prayers/pray-in-may-resources>

**Second Collections.** Today there is 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. You can get it on the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency website at [training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk](http://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk). Please speak to Onyi, our parish safeguarding rep, if you want more info.

**Trip to Birmingham.** I shall be "installed" as a Canon at St. Chad's Cathedral during the 12.15 pm Mass on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June. 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 mother was with her daughter as she said her prayers before going to bed. The daughter prayed and prayed, and her voice got quieter and quieter. Finally, she said "Amen". Her mother said, "Darling, I couldn't hear a word you said." "That's alright, Mummy," came the reply. "I wasn't talking to you."

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