



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

31st May, 2026

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Sunday, 31 st May <i>Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</i>	5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's 7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (8.45 am Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady's) 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Deacon Bill Parker (25 th Anniv.) Private Intention The People of the Parish Thanksgiving to Our Lady Private Intention
Monday, 1 st June <i>Memorial of St. Justin, Martyr</i>	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	William Pilaster (2 years old)
Tuesday, 2 nd June <i>Op. Mem. of Ss. Marcellinus & Peter</i>	(12.15 pm Mass at St. Chad's Cathedral)	Frank Hall (ill)
Wednesday, 3 rd June <i>Mem. of St. Charles Lwanga & Companions</i>	No Public Mass Today	Antonietta Aprea (ill)
Thursday, 4 th June	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	John Durkin
Friday, 5 th June <i>Memorial of St. Boniface First Friday of the Month</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	In Thanksgiving (TF)
Saturday, 6 th June <i>Op. Memorial of St. Norbert, Bishop</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (10.00 am Mass, with First Holy Communion at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Libania (Birthday) Mary Giblin (Birthday)
Sunday, 7 th June <i>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 8.45 am Syro-Malabar Community Mass 9.00 am Mass with First Holy Communion (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) (2.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Private Intention Brian McCann Josie O'Connor (Father's Anniversary) James Kelly The People of the Parish
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 or just visiting.

Today is one of the great feasts of the Church – the Most Holy Trinity, when we praise and honour God, not for anything in particular that He has done, but simply because He is God.

*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.*

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	Deirdre Wallace	Pat McGroarty	Rolly Esteban	Jacqui Halliday
Next Sunday	Kylla Abrigo & Rocelle Galinda	Chris Donovan	Anne Marie Sonan	Jacqui Halliday

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 Beatrice Upham, Michael Murphy, Baltazar L'Quy and Patricia Casey who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Canons John Gunn and Harry Bouchier, Frs. William O'Brien, John Avery Lane, Benedict Tarbuck and John Crean, Sr. Roseanne (Rose) Cavanagh FMA, and also Angelique Moona, Maria Keady, Kathleen O'Malley, Simon Boyd, Claire Heafey and Nicholas Cleary. May they rest in peace.

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

Thank you to everyone who made last Sunday's celebration of Pentecost so special. Thank you to those who did readings in their own languages, to the singers and to those who provided food for the feast afterwards. Despite the heat, it was a glorious celebration of the Gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church.

First Friday. This Friday is the first of the month and June is the month most closely associated with the Sacred Heart. We shall be praying the Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart during the Mass and offering up the prayer intentions in the basket beside the Sacred Heart statue.

First Holy Communion. Next Sunday, during the 9.00 am Mass, some of the children of our parish will be receiving Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. Please pray for them and for their families at this very special time.

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

Sacred Heart Parish Day. Saturday, 11th July. This looks like being a great day, with games and stalls. There are also some incredible prizes to be won in the raffle, and raffle tickets are on sale at the back of church as you leave today.

Legion of Mary. A new "Praesidium" has now been established at Our Lady Help of Christians, meeting on Friday evenings, after the 7.00 pm Mass. It is still a small group and they would welcome new members. Just come along and try it.

Outstanding Achievement for Our Lady's SATs Results. It's great to share the news that Our Lady's Catholic Primary School achieved the second-best results in Oxford. This fantastic achievement reflects the hard work and dedication of pupils and staff. Many congratulations to the whole school community. We're proud of you!

Trip to Birmingham. I shall be "installed" as a Canon at St. Chad's Cathedral during the 12.15 pm Mass this Tuesday, 2nd June. The coach will leave Sacred Heart at 8.30 am and return at about 6.00 pm. You can leave cars in the carpark here. If you haven't paid your £10, please bring it with you to pay on the coach. There should be plenty of food in the Grimshaw Room for everyone after the Mass, so you don't need to bring a packed lunch (unless you want to), but if the weather is still hot it is a good idea to bring a drink with you.

Harvington History Festival returns from 22–26 July with a fascinating programme of talks, tours, and events exploring history at Harvington Hall, the Archdiocese's historic moated manor house known for its priest hides. For more info or to book, visit: harvingtonhall.co.uk

Oxford Corpus Christi Procession, Next Sunday, 7th June, at 3.00 pm. Please note the reversal of direction this year. It will begin at Oxford University Catholic Chaplaincy on Rose Place (OC1 1RD) and will conclude with Benediction at the Oratory Church. See poster at the church porch.

Tailpiece: A little boy was sitting in church with his parents one Sunday, listening to a long and very boring sermon. Suddenly his wandering eye spotted the red sanctuary lamp. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "Daddy, when the light turns green can we go?"

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