



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Fifth Sunday of Easter

3rd May, 2026

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Happy Easter, everyone.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Sunday, 3 rd May Fifth Sunday of Easter	<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> 9.00 am Mass <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> 6.00 pm Mass	Fatima Jong Private Intention Peter Villar Dec'd Members of the Kirby Family Martinho Jeronimo & Jacinta Soares
Monday, 4 th May Feast of the English Martyrs	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(10.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	Clare (B'day) & Robert Curtis (Anniv.)
Tuesday, 5 th May <i>Feria of Easter</i> Day of Prayer for the Survivors of Sexual Abuse	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	Thomas Zason Bonaparte De Araujo <i>(3rd Birthday)</i>
Wednesday, 6 th May <i>Feria of Easter</i>	No Public Mass Today	The People of the Parish
Thursday, 7 th May <i>Feria of Easter</i>	6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	John Durkin
Friday, 8 th May <i>Feria of Easter</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>(7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	Arthur Borthwick (Birthday)
Saturday, 9 th May <i>Feria of Easter</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass <i>(5.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass at Our Lady's)</i>	Sheila Jennings Michael Iago (Anniversary)
Sunday, 10 th May Sixth 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 <i>(11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's)</i> <i>(2.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's)</i> 6.00 pm Mass	Private Intention Tommy Nimmo (2 nd Birthday) The People of the Parish Maja Monika Gryze Larry Gardner
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm; Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am <i>(And also at Our Lady's: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm.)</i>		

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

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.*

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers		Flowers
	9.00 am	9.00 am	6.00 pm	
This Sunday	Rocelle Galinda & Jocelyn Esteban	Chris Donovan	Anne Marie Sonan	Priya & Family
Next Sunday		Philomena Doherty	Pawel Drozd	Priya & Family

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 Gladys (“Bonnie”) Trowell, Theresa Cahill, Jose Honorio Da Costa Jeronimo, Beatrice Upham and Judith Champ who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Bishop Joseph Gray, Canon Bernard Hurrill, Frs. David Duggan, Michael Byrne, James Dutton, Donal O’Connor, Francis Carr, Walter Joseph Joret, Deacon Anthony Rigby, and also Frank Treacy, Yvonne Alice Brennan, Robert Curtis, Michael Iagoe and Mary Kelly. May they rest in peace.

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

Young Discerners’ Group. Are you a young man in School Years 9-13 who wants to explore a Vocation to the Catholic priesthood? Come to St. Mary’s College, Oscott, in Birmingham on Saturday, 9th May, 10.30-4.00. To find out more, or to book, contact Deacon Owen Gresty, deacon.owen@vocations.org.uk or 0121 3215135. The day is free, but booking is essential.

Cowley Salesian Cooperators warmly invite you to celebrate Holy Mass with them on 23rd May at 12.00 noon in Our Lady’s 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. 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.



Legion of Mary. This weekend members of the Legion will give a short presentation at the end of Mass to introduce the Legion and to invite anyone interested to come to a meeting on Friday evening at 7.30 pm (after the 7.00 pm Mass) in Our Lady’s hall.

Confirmations. Bishop Richard will be with us on Saturday, 31st 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, 21st 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>

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. Please speak to Onyi, our parish safeguarding rep, if you want more info.

Pentecost Prayer & Praise in the City Centre of Oxford on Saturday, 23rd May, from 12.30 – 2.00 pm. For the songs and more details please contact Eva on 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. To be honest, I am fairly ignorant as yet to what it means, but it should make no difference to what I do in this parish, although once a month I shall have to go to Birmingham for a Chapter Meeting. I shall be “installed” at St. Chad’s Cathedral during the 12.15 pm Mass on Tuesday, 2nd June. It is customary that a new Canon is able to invite up to a hundred guests to take part in this Mass and to share in a fairly simple celebration afterwards. 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. There will be further details next week.

Tailpiece: An eight-year-old girl was telling her six-year-old brother all about the Christian Faith, as only a child can. When she finished, she said, “So David, when you die, where would you like to go? Would you like to be with Jesus and God and Our Blessed Lady and Mummy and Daddy and me? Or would you like to be with the devil and the bank robbers?” David thought about it for a while and then replied, “I think I’d rather stay here.”

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