



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Solemnity of St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles

28th June, 2026

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Sunday, 28 th June <i>Solemnity of St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles</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	Jose Goncalves Private Intention Luis G.A.M Da Silva & Luisa Da Silva Nicky Clarke The People of the Parish
Monday, 29 th June	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer	Mary Hull (Get Well)
Tuesday, 30 th June <i>Op. Mem. of the First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's)	Fr. Des McMahon
Wednesday, 1 st July <i>Op. Mem. of St. Oliver Plunkett, Martyr</i>	No Public Mass Today	Nazar
Thursday, 2 nd July	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 4.00 pm Reception of Adrian Gaughan 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Damianus Klau and Fatima Jong
Friday, 3 rd July <i>Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle First Friday of the Month</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 11.00 am Requiem Mass (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Adrian Gaughan RIP Visitacion Salon (Birthday)
Saturday, 4 th July <i>Op. Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Portugal</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Sydney and Andrea Da Cunha Nicky Clarke
Sunday, 5 th July <i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.45 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 8.45 am Syro-Malabar Community Mass 9.00 am Mass (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Private Intention Paul Dolton Kitty Healey (2 nd Anniversary) The People of the Parish
Confessions: Thursday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm, and Saturday, 10.30 – 11.30 am. (And also at Our Lady's: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm.)		

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church today, especially if you are new to the parish or just visiting.

Today we are celebrating the (transferred) Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul. There will be a Second Collection at Masses this weekend for Peter's Pence, our national gift as Catholics to the Pope to assist his apostolic work.

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	Deirdre Wallace	Pat McGroarty	Lilian Tatenda Mwawa	Claire Fermin
Next Sunday		Chris Donovan & Pat McGroarty	Anne Marie Sonan & Rolly Esteban	Claire Fermin

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, Rodolfo Melo De Sousa, Dantas Luis Galucho Rosa and Julio Madeira Cabral Soares.

Please pray for Adrian Gaughan, James Doyle and all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mgr. Patrick Corrigan, Canon Francis Dudley, Frs. John Joseph McMorro, John Darley, William O'Malley and Michael Cullinan, Deacon Adrian Davies, and also Thomas Martin Ghee, Ron Jones, Cora Proctor, Nancy McDonnell and Olivia Frances Ludbrook. May they rest in peace.

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

Holy Communion under Both Kinds. Before COVID, there was the custom here at Sacred Heart for people to have the opportunity at Mass to receive the Precious Blood from the Chalice as well as the Body of the Lord at Holy Communion. I think it is now possible to reintroduce this as an experiment (if it proves that no one wants it we can go back). From the first Sunday in July there will be one person (the priest) giving out the Body of Christ at the front of the church in the centre, and there will be two Eucharistic Ministers, one each side with a Chalice. If you wish to receive from the Chalice after you have received the Host, move to one of the Eucharistic Ministers. He or she will offer the Chalice to you with the words, "The Blood of Christ". You reply, "Amen", take the Chalice and carefully take a sip. Then give the Chalice back to the Minister and return to your place in the church.

Garden Party At Newman's College on Saturday, 4th July 3.00-5.00 pm to support the mission of the Sisters of The Work at Newman's College. Enjoy an afternoon in the beautiful garden with a cup of tea, homemade cakes, ice cream, various stalls and live music played by a string quartet. There will be guided tours. For more information please contact the Sisters on 01865 779743 or littlemore@newman-friends.org.

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.

Fr John Hancock, a former parish priest here will be celebrating his 80th Birthday this Tuesday (30th June). If any of you would like to send him a card, his address is: Fr John Hancock, Fotherley Hall, Fotherley Lane, Shenstone, Lichfield WS14 0HG.

Ordinations. Please pray for Deacon Jonathan Henry from St. Anthony's Parish in Headington, who will be ordained a priest in St. Chad's Cathedral this Saturday, 4th July, and also for Deacon Jithin Titto who will be ordained on 6th July and for Deacon Tenny Antony who will be ordained on 10th July. May God bless them all.

MARCH4LIFE 2026 We are invited to take part in a peaceful, joyful march in London on Saturday 5th September – celebrating life and challenging abortion. Two months ago, abortion in the home, up to birth, was decriminalised. Around 1,000 unborn babies are legally killed every day in our country. Join one of the few ways we can peacefully challenge this.

"WeBelieve" Festival at Oscott College, Birmingham. From Friday, 24th to Monday, 27th July: An unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to grow in authentic community, and to encounter the transforming love of God. For more: www.webeliefestival.com.

Vocations to the Priesthood. Each Deanery in the Archdiocese is given a month to pray especially intensely for Vocations to the Priesthood. **JULY IS OUR MONTH.** Please make it your special intention.

Diocesan Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, we ask you to send labourers into your harvest. Inspire, in the hearts of your people, vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Bless our families with a spirit of generosity, so that those whom you call have the courage to give themselves to your Church in faith. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tailpiece: A man said to the priest after Mass one Sunday, "Your sermon today reminded me of the mercy of God." The priest was flattered and couldn't resist 'fishing' for more compliments, so he asked the man to explain further. But his joy came to an abrupt end when the man replied, "Well, it passes all understanding, and it endures forever."

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