



Sacred Heart Church, Oxford

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

7th June, 2026

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Sunday, 7 th June <i>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</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 with First Holy Communions (11.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) (2.00 pm Baptism at Our Lady's) 6.00 pm Mass	Mary Giblin (Birthday) Private Intention Brian McCann Josie O'Connor (Father's Anniv.) James Kelly Evelyn Mary
Monday, 8 th June	(7.00 am Mass at Our Lady's) 8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Requiem Mass	Leao Rodrigues Michael Murphy
Tuesday, 9 th June <i>Op. Mems. of St. Columba, or of St. Ephrem</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (9.15 am Mass at Our Lady's) (4.00 pm Reception of Patricia Casey at Our Lady's)	Private Intention (BA)
Wednesday, 10 th June	(10.30 am Requiem Mass at Our Lady's)	Patricia Casey
Thursday, 11 th June <i>Mem. of St. Barnabas, Apostle</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Exposition and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass	Margaret Hegarty (Intentions)
Friday, 12 th June <i>Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (7.00 pm Mass at Our Lady's)	Kitty Davies (Intentions)
Saturday, 13 th June <i>Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	8.00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass (10.30 am Goan Community Mass at Our Lady's) 11.30 am Baptism (4.00 pm Marriage Service at Our Lady's) (5.30 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday at Our Lady's)	Marion McCarthy (Get Well) Private Intention Gisella Ludovina Soares Xavier Brendon and Letisha Pat Murphy (9 th Anniversary)
Sunday, 14 th June <i>Eleventh 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 Magdalena Hiceta Tommy Gildea 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 today, especially if you are new to the parish or just visiting.

Today we are celebrating the Solemnity of Corpus Christi – “The Body of Christ”. In Holy Communion Jesus feeds us with His Body and Blood and so shares with us His own life.

*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	Kylla Abrigo & Rocelle Galinda	Chris Donovan	Anne Marie Sonan	Jacqui Halliday
Next Sunday	Blossom & Daiva	Phil Doherty	Pawel Drozd	Jocelyn Esteban

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 at this time: Bishop James Dey, Mgr. Bernard Robinson, Frs. Peter Gallagher, John Arthur McIver, John P. Lane, Timothy Cronin, William Quinn, Gerard McArdle, Cyril Adams and Joseph Lanny, Deacons Peter Phelan and Walter Terry Hum, Sr. Agnes Collett FMA, and also Patrick McLoughlin, Charles McHugh, Orlando Abrunho and Gabriel Ignatius Drumm. May they rest in peace.

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

First Holy Communion. This Sunday, during the 9.00 am Mass, nine 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.



Thank you to everyone for your support, prayers and friendship on the occasion of my being made a Canon last Tuesday at St. Chad's Cathedral. I think the photograph tells the whole story, although you may want to provide a caption!

If you want to see more photographs or watch a recording of the whole service go to:

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/two-new-canon-installed-at-st-chads-cathedral



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.

Oxford Corpus Christi Procession, This afternoon, 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.

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

Legion of Mary. A new "Praesidium" has been set up 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.

Tailpiece: The World Cup starts this week, so here is a cautionary tale. There were two football-mad friends, and one of them fell ill. The other came to visit him and said, "When you die, do me a favour. I want to know if there's football in heaven." The dying man said, "Alright, I'll let you know." And then he died. A couple of nights later, the man was sleeping when he heard his friend's voice. "I've got some good news and some bad news. The good news is that there is football in heaven." "What's the bad news?" "You're playing in goal next Wednesday."

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