

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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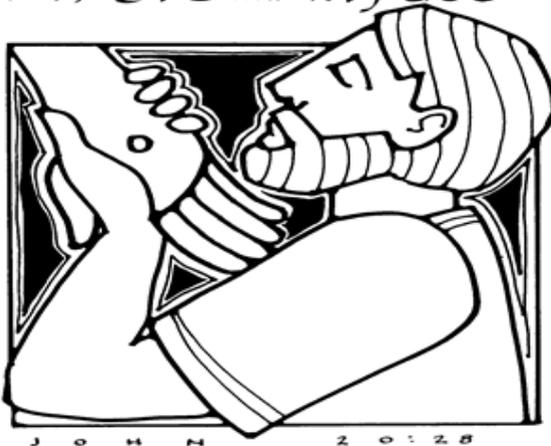
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Yr C

*MY LORD and MY GOD*



28<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Mass Book: 262 Psalter Week 2

### Readings:

Acts 5:12-6

Psalms 117:2-4, 22-27

Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

John 20:19-31

### Summer Hanging Baskets

Dear Father Paul,

I would like to Sponsor the Summer Hanging Baskets

Names

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## Mass Times

Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	6:00 pm	Mass	Samuel Porter
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	8:30 am	Mass	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Mass	Derek Marsh
Monday	29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	NO MASS		
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	9:15 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	
		9:30 am	Mass	
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> May	9:15 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	
		9:30 am	Mass	
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Mass	Terry Dillon
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Funeral Mass:</b>	<b>Terry Dillon</b>
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Wedding:</b>	<b>Gosby-O’Kane</b>
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> May	6:00 pm	Mass	Betty Sherwood-Smith
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> May	8:30 am	Mass	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Mass	Fr Chris Handforth

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00-5.45pm

### **Contactless Payments = This Church accepts contactless – Have a go !!**

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Put your card by the card-reader, and wait for the beep = it’s done.

**Contactless Payments:** You can now use your Debit/Credit Card. *Just ask!*

*You can also register your Credit/Debit card for Gift Aid purposes.*

**Please pray for:** *The Sick & Housebound of our Parish Community:*

Barbara Brogan, Melene Clifford, Rosemary Daniel, Jean Marie D’Souza, Rita Good, Gill Harrison, Gill Lane, Evelyn Lochrin, Tom Mannion, Joan McDonald, Caroline Mieczkowska, Diana Newbury, Halina Seligman, Jackie Tidbury, Carl Veys, and Carol Willis.

*If you know of anyone who is sick, do let us know.*

*Those who have died:* **Terry Dillon, Betty Sherwood-Smith**

*Anniversaries that occur at this time:*

Jocelyn Foxley, Derek Marsh, Jim Lindsay, Edith Talbot, Elizabeth Sheppard,

Juan Koo-Balingit

*May they rest in peace*

✠ Please remember in your prayers **Betty Sherwood-Smith**

(sister of Mary Macken) who died on Easter Sunday.

We pray for her family, and especially Mary and Len. ✠

*Lord, grant to our sister peace and joy in your kingdom. May she rest in peace.*

### **Funeral Mass Details – Terry Dillon**

Terry Dillion's funeral will take place on Friday, at 11.00am. His body will be received into the Church on Thursday @ 6:00 pm, prior to evening Mass @ 7:00 pm.

**Wedding:** Congratulations to **Lisa Gosby and Kevin O'Kane** who will be married next Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May. We wish them a long and happy life together.

### **Charity Coffee Morning & Violin Concert – Today after 10.30am Mass**

This will take place in the Parish Hall after Mass – it is in aid of **Duchenne muscular dystrophy**. Claudio, our wonderful Violin teacher and his friends will be providing entertainment. For more information on this condition see:

<https://www.nuh.nhs.uk/download.cfm?doc=docm93jjjm4n4477.pdf&ver=8524>

### **First Holy Communion - Presentation of Prayer – Sunday 5 May at 10.30am**

Our final celebration & presentation of the prayers needed to prepare oneself to receive First Holy Communion will be next Sunday 5 May at 10.30am.

### **Record Attendance at Easter -**

The attendance at the 10:30 Mass was **334**, which beats last year's total of 333! With 520 overall.

On Palm Sunday I asked you to invite a friend or neighbour, and to give the Holy Week Schedules to those you know – *you certainly did! Thank you!*

I have ordered **two Summer Hanging baskets** as part of Henley in Bloom at £64 each. If you would like to make a contribution towards these baskets, see overleaf.

**There is Mass in the Chapel at Culham at 6:30 pm today, 28<sup>th</sup> April.**

### **Churches together in Henley.**

The next Ecumenical meeting of the Churches together in Henley, takes place on Thursday 9 May at 7:45pm. All are welcome to attend this event.

*I would like to thank each of you for your kindness and for your generous Easter offerings. I am very grateful.*

## Enhancing the Church

*We are always looking to enhance our beautiful Church.*

I was particularly pleased to be able to celebrate the Easter Vigil safely! No, not the fire getting out of control! Although it was very fierce = we have a Fire Marshall, to care for that. Over the last couple of years, I've been concerned for the readers falling from the pulpit in the dark. However, this year, following the lighting enhancement, I was able to flick a switch and the two lights I needed – The ambo and chair – enabled us to read safely and well. The lighting scheme was our project for last year, and I was pleased at the outcome. It has enhanced the architectural features of the Church, as well as giving better light to the Sanctuary, Font and Lady Chapel.

Looking after a Church building does take constant care. You will have noticed scaffolding on the roof of the Church. We have a leak coming from the Tower roof. It is being repaired. We update our Fire Safety certificate on an annual basis (which has recently been completed). Our five-year Electrical Survey has just been completed and we have just concluded our Quinquennial Inspection – however, it has been ten years, (rather than five) since the Church has been inspected by an architect. The report is due any day.

This year, we have planned and budgeted for a number of projects. We are looking at means by which we can reduce our carbon footprint. Having, upgraded the thermostats in the Church and presbytery, the Gas bill has been reduced considerably.

We plan to decorate the Church in the Autumn. This should take about three weeks. We also need to repair the kneelers as well. This will take place after we have decorated the Church.

A consecrated Church has six consecration candles on the reredos, the 'big six'. We have a big four, I have gone to the Jewellery Quarter in Birmingham and get three further candles made. The existing candles are also being cleaned and polished – which is why there are no candles on the reredos at this time. I have also had some of our existing chalices repaired and cleaned.

Having decorated the 'day chapel', it is wonderful to see that it has so much use every Sunday. We are very blest to have such a beautiful Church, which as the screen reminds us, is God's house and has a heavenly ascetic. It is always good to be able to care for it, by practical and spiritual means.

Fr Paul