

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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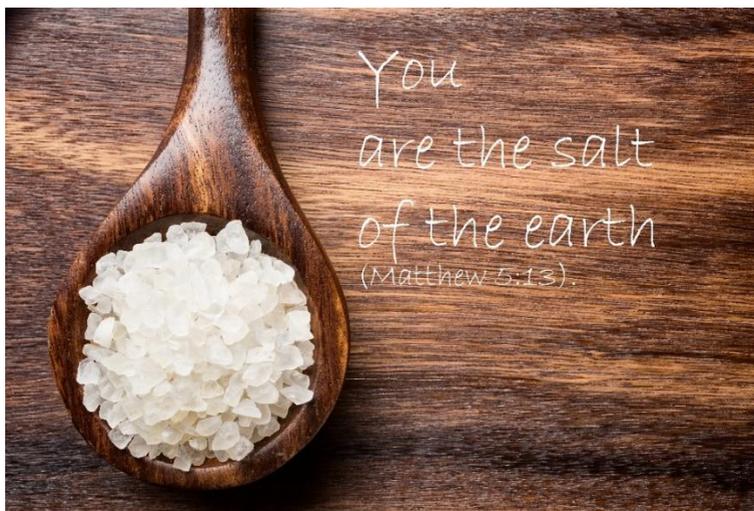
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Registered as a Charity. No 234216.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Yr A



9<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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### Readings:

Isaiah 58:7-10

Psalms 111:4-9 *resp v4*

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Matthew 5:13-16

### Children's Bibles

Dear Father Paul,

Please find enclosed a donation towards the cost of the bibles we give the First Holy Communion Children.

(£10 each)

Names

## Mass Times

Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6:00 pm	Mass	Ann Ward
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8:30 am	Mass	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Mass	Sheila, Mary & Bridget Couldwell
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	NO MASS		
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Mass at Sacred Heart School (Yr 2)</b>	
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:15 am	Morning Prayer	
		9:30 am	Mass	
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>6:45 pm</b>	Evening Prayer	
		<b>7:00 pm</b>	Mass	
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:15 am	Morning Prayer	
		9:30 am	Mass Graham & Eijkenboam Families.	
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6:00 pm	Mass	John & Kathleen Twine
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8:30 am	Mass	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Mass	Michael Dempsey

**Offertory Collection:** *Thank you for your generous support.*

Envelopes (Gift Aid) £ 107.00 (NGA) £

Loose £ 244.22 **Contactless £ 00.00**

R&R Appeal (GA) £ 32.50 (NGA) £ 5.00 Loose £ 85.56

Donation towards Children's Bibles: £ 20.00 Altar Wine: £ 10.00

*If you would like to take out a standing order, it is very straightforward.*

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

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

Agnes Boggis, Melene Clifford, Rosemary Daniel, Jane de Souza, Jean Marie D'Souza, Malcolm Dillingham, Margaret Evans, Rita Good, Gill Harrison, Evelyn Lochrin, Tom Mannion, Joan McDonald, Diana Newbury, Halina Seligman, Jackie Tidbury and Fr Antony Conlon.

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

*Those who have died:* **Michael Dempsey.**

*Anniversaries that occur at this time:*

Les Boggis, Myles Humphrey, Agnes Rotheray, James Walker, Paul Baran.

*May they rest in peace*

✠ Please remember in your prayers **Michael Dempsey** who died recently.  
We also pray for his family, and especially his wife Anne and daughter Paula.  
*Lord, grant to our brother peace and joy in your kingdom. May he rest in peace.* ✠

**First Holy Communion:** Today the 10.30am is a celebration Mass as part of the First Holy Communion programme, we will focus on the Liturgy of the Word. The children will be presented with a Bible, which they can treasure and use. If you would like to **sponsor a bible**, just use the tear-off sheet overleaf.

**Sacred Heart School Choir:**

will be leading the liturgy at 10.30am Mass today.

**Sacred Heart School RE Inspection: Monday & Tuesday**

Please keep Sacred Heart School in your prayers as they have a RE inspection this week. **Please note the School Mass will be on Tuesday this week.**

**Parish Financial Report 2019 – thank you for your generosity!**

Today we publish our financial accounts for 2019, please take a copy from the back of the Church. The finance committee would strongly encourage anyone who is a tax payer to sign a Gift Aid form to enable the parish to claim the Tax you have already paid.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation**

Preparation sessions for those not attending Sacred Heart Primary School will start shortly. Therefore, I would like to invite any candidates for Confirmation to apply. The forms are at the back of the Church.

**CAFOD Supporters' event – all welcome**

Come and hear from our very own Oxford parishioner and CAFOD schools' team member Susan Kambalu about her experience visiting our partners, be inspired by other supporters and have an energising session.

**Thurs 13 Feb** - Our Lady Help of Christians, 59 Hollow Way, Cowley, **Oxford OX4 2ND 10:30 am – 12:30pm** (coffee/tea from 10am) Please book a place - 01494 863 777 or [dpurfield@cafod.org.uk](mailto:dpurfield@cafod.org.uk).

**New email address:** [sh.henley@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sh.henley@rcaob.org.uk)

In accordance with GDPR best practice all the emails throughout the Archdiocese will be changing, and will finish with [@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:@rcaob.org.uk)

We will change our address shortly, and for a few weeks will monitor our current email address, but it will finish by the end of February. This is also an opportunity to ask if there is anyone who may wish to receive this newsletter by email – just let me know.

**The Blessing of Salt:** Given today's readings we will begin with this blessing, which can be found on page 63 of your books.

## The God who Speaks.

Today we celebrate, live and share God's word with a new generation.

2020 is the 10th anniversary of *Verbum Domini* – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of the great scripture scholar, St Jerome. These dates have inspired the Catholic Bishops' of England and Wales to dedicate 2020 as a year of focus on the Bible entitled: '*The God Who Speaks*'. Each Diocese and Parish are encouraged to enrich current practice and to develop and explore new ways of responding to 'The God who Speaks'. To help achieve transformation in our hearts and in our communities there will be three themes of *celebrating, living and sharing* God's word.

For several years we have helped those who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion, to understand the celebration of the Mass, as the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Like those disciples on the Road to Emmaus (*Luke 24*) Jesus speaks to us as he accompanies us on our pilgrimage of life; and then we are able to recognise him in the breaking of bread.

This weekend we present the children with a Bible. By doing this, we share God's word with them, and help them to understand that: '*when we pray, God listens to us; but when we read the Bible, we listen to God*'. In the readings at Mass, we listen to the God who speaks to us. Today, Jesus tells us that we are '*the salt of the earth and the light of the world*'- high praise, indeed!

I hope that these Children's Bibles will not sit respectfully on the top shelf, but will become dog-eared, and creased from constant use. That through the stories of Jesus, and the people of the Old Testament, we can see how God speaks to us; is with us in our joys and tribulations; and encourages us to let our light shine.

If you are not sure where to begin, why not pick one of the Gospels and start there. It doesn't matter which, but during Lent this year, I shall be leading a course on Matthew's Gospel, which you will be able to follow, either with others on a Thursday evening, or by yourself at home. Details will follow, in the newsletter and the website.

For today, we shall encourage those children who will receive Jesus in the Eucharist, to receive his word as a gift from God and us.

Fr Paul