

Hymns

Hymn 803

Battle is o'er, hell's armies flee

Battle is o'er, hell's armies flee:
raise we the cry of victory
with abounding joy resounding, alleluia, Alleluia

Christ who endured
the shameful tree,
o'er death triumphant welcome we,
our adoring praise outpouring, alleluia, Alleluia.

On the third morn
from death rose he,
clothed with what light in heaven shall be,
our unswerving faith deserving, alleluia, Alleluia

Hell's gloomy gates yield up their key,
paradise door thrown wide we see;
never-tiring be our choring, Alleluia. Alleluia

Lord, by the stripes men laid on thee,
grant us to live from death set free,
this our greeting still repeating, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Hymn 969

Lord of all hopefulness,

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy.
Be there at our waking, and give us we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and
the lathe.

Be there at our labours, and give us we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace.
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm.

Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Hymn 278

Now the green blade riseth

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain,
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our heart that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Hymn 880

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name – the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore!

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5th Sunday of Easter Yr. A

10th May 2020

Psalter Week 1

**I AM THE WAY,
THE TRUTH,
AND THE LIFE.**

John 14:6

VE: Victory of Eternal Life!

This weekend we mark the 75th anniversary of the victory in Europe. We pay tribute to that generation who endured great struggles to overcome the evil of the godless Nazi regime, seeking mass genocide and domination. At each of the Masses we will pray for all those who have died during the Second World War, civilians and combatants, of every nation. We remember the sacrifice – the terrible cost in lives, and those who lay down their lives for others. We seek to renew our efforts for peace and justice as the greatest legacy of this sacrifice.

Today, this prayer at the preparation of the gifts, speaks very eloquently:

Grant, O heavenly Father, that the sacrifice of Christ, who laid down his life for his friends, may raise all those who have died in war to the **V**ictory of **E**ternal life. Through Christ our Lord Amen. *(my emphasis)*

It reminds us that that every sacrifice reflects and mirrors the supreme sacrifice of Christ. He has laid down his life for the whole human race across all time. It is his victory we celebrate this weekend. The VE in this prayer – is the victory to eternal life! Throughout the season of Easter, we celebrate his victory over sin and death, the defeat of the kingdom of evil and the proclamation of the Kingdom of God.

Rightly, we will begin Mass by singing:

Battle is o'er, hell's armies flee: raise we the cry of **victory!**, with abounding joy resounding, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This is the battle which is won. This is the battle by which we saved and redeemed. We may not use these terms frequently, but each of us is engaged in *spiritual warfare*. That's what we do when we say our prayers, and seek to live a good life. We endeavour to shake off the snares of the enemy and to live a life of integrity and goodness, encouraged by the victory won by the blood of the lamb, Jesus Christ.

To finish with our final prayer:

By our communion with this sacrament, O Lord, grant us, we pray, fortitude in the cause of right, and may our remembrance of those who have died in war make us ardent defenders of your peace.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Fr Paul

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Mass Times and other Services.

Saturday	9 th May	6:00 pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	10 th May	10:30 am	Mass	Josephine Graham
Monday	11 th May	9:15 am	Morning Prayer	
		9:30 am	Mass	David Anthony Carpenter
Tuesday	12 th May	9:15 am	Morning Prayer	
		9:30 am	Mass	Margaret Edmondson
		5:05 pm	Angelus & Meditation	
Wednesday	13 th May	9:15 am	Morning Prayer	
		9:30 am	Mass	Lucy Shaw
		5:05 pm	Angelus & Meditation	
Thursday	14 th May	9:15 am	Morning Prayer	
		9:30 am	Mass	Peggy Lindsay
		5:05 pm	Angelus & Meditation	
Friday	15 th May	9:15 am	Morning Prayer	
		9:30 am	Mass	Graham & Eijkenboom Families
		5:05 pm	Angelus & Meditation	
Saturday	16 th May	6:00 pm	Mass	Daniel Boylan
Sunday	17 th May	10:30 am	Mass	Mary Burge

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

Offertory (GA) £ 00.00

Donations £ 00.00

Total £00.00

Standing Orders for April 2020 £3,738.00 Very many thanks.

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

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

Agnes Boggis, Melene Clifford, Rosemary Daniel, Jane de Souza, Jean Marie D'Souza, Margaret Evans, Rita Good, Gill Harrison, Evelyn Lochrin, Tom Mannion, Joan McDonald, Diana Newbury, Jackie Tidbury, Deacon Mike Walker.

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

Those who have died:

Anniversaries that occur at this time:

Corrol Legg, Barbara Brogan, Peggy Lindsay, Ray Thomas, Audrey Hutton, Maureen Keeley, Javier Astrada, John Flanagan.

May they rest in peace

Live Streaming of Mass: to enable our Sick and Housebound of our Parish Community to have greater access and participation you can live stream all our services: <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/sacred-heart-catholic-church>

Liturgical Responses

Readings:

Acts 6:1-7
Psalm 32 *resp v 22*
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
In the sight of the nations
He has shown his deliverance,
alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm:

May your love be upon us,
O Lord,
As we place all our hope in you.

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus said:
'I am the Way, the Truth
and the Life.
No one can come to the Father
except through me.'
Alleluia!

Music during Mass

I would like to thank **Hannah and Mark Theobald**, for providing the recordings and music for the Psalms, and Gospel acclamation for our celebration of Sunday Mass. It is a wonderful gift.

Parish News



National Lottery Awards for All.

This message from the National Lottery speaks for itself:

We're so happy to tell you we really liked your application for National Lottery Awards for All. And we want to give a new hope after Covid-19 £9,900 to help your community thrive.

We have applied to upgrade the parish hall, and thanks to this grant, we will be fitting a new kitchen as soon as restrictions are lifted.

Fr Antony Conlon RIP

I would like to thank the many parishioners of Goring and Woodcote who have been in touch to express their thanks for the Live Streamed Requiem Mass for Fr Antony last Tuesday. His funeral was a very peaceful and dignified occasion at Goring Cemetery. There is an excellent obituary and a nice photo of Fr Antony in this week's Henley Standard.

The Tablet: International Catholic News Weekly.

In a section entitled *"isolated but not alone, resources for Catholics"*. I was delighted to get the following mention:

'There is a good, clear live-streaming at the Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart at Henley, Oxfordshire, in the Birmingham Archdiocese, celebrated by parish priest Fr Paul Fitzpatrick. Weekdays at 9.30am, Saturday 6pm and Sunday 10.30am.'

Standing Orders and Gift Aid.

Given the disruption that we are experiencing at this time, it may be helpful to take out a Standing Order as a means of regularly supporting the Parish Mission .

The forms for Standing Orders and Gift Aid can be found on the Parish Website—Your Gift.

THANK YOU for the Standing Orders we have received this week

Henley in Bloom

I have ordered **two Summer Hanging baskets** as part of Henley in Bloom at £67.50 each. If you would like to make a contribution towards these baskets,

If you are not familiar with our tear-off slips = just tear the box below this and send it to us.

Summer Hanging Baskets

Dear Father Paul,

I would like to Sponsor the Summer Hanging Baskets
Names

Name:

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Prayers for a time of Coronavirus.

Spiritual Communion: there are times when people are unable to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, because of illness or due to their personal disposition. Even though some may not receive 'sacramental' communion, all are united in some way by the Holy Spirit. The traditional idea of 'spiritual' communion is possible even when we do not share together the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ.

'My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.
Amen'