

Hymn 631  
Bread of Life, Truth eternal

Hymns

**Chorus:** *Bread of Life, Truth eternal,  
Broken now to set us free,.  
The risen Christ, his saving power  
Is here in bread and wine for me.*

Lord, I know I am not worthy to receive you.  
You speak the words and I am healed.  
Here at your table love’s mystery,  
One bread, one cup, one family.

Chorus

Lord, by your cross you reconciled us  
To the Father, we have only to believe.  
Your sacrifice, our victory;  
Now by your blood we are redeemed.

Chorus

Lord, you gave your people manna in the desert;  
Still you fulfil our every need.  
Lord, when we hunger, Lord when we thirst,  
We come to you and we receive

Chorus

**Hymn 627**  
**This is my body**  
This is my body, broken for you,  
Bringing you wholeness, making you free.  
Take it and eat it, and when you do,  
Do it in love for me.

This is my blood poured out for you,  
Bringing forgiveness, making you free.  
Take it and drink it, and when you do,  
Do it in love for me.

Back to my Father soon I shall go.  
Do not forget me; then you will see  
I am still with you, and you will know  
You’re very close to me.

Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow!  
You are my branches, I am the tree.  
If you are faithful, others will know  
You are alive in me.

Love one another – I have loved you,  
And I have shown you how to be free;  
Serve one another, and when you do,  
Do it in love for me.

**Hymn 609**  
**In bread we bring you, Lord**  
In bread we bring you, Lord, our bodies’ labour.  
In wine we offer you our spirits’ grief.  
We do not ask you, Lord, who is my neighbour?  
But stand united now, one in belief.

Oh, we have gladly heard your Word, your holy Word,  
And now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring.  
Our selfish hearts make true, our failing faith renew,  
Our lives belong to you, our Lord and King.

The bread we offer you is blessed and broken,  
And it becomes for us our spirits’ food.  
Over the cup we bring your Word is spoken;  
Make it your gift to us, your healing blood.

Take all that daily toil plants in our heart’s poor soil,  
Take all we start and spoil, each hopeful dream,  
The chances we have missed, the graces we resist,  
Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and redeem.

**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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Two New Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese.

On Thursday it was announced that the Holy Father has appointed two auxiliary Bishops to work in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. They are Canon Richard Walker—our Vicar General (who manages clergy personnel issues) and Canon Timothy Menzies, the Dean of the Cathedral. They will replace Bishop Stephen Wright in the north of the diocese and Bishop William Kenney in the South. I am delighted for the diocese and myself, because ...

This means that finally, after three very long, testing years, I can, in July, step down as Episcopal Vicar. I have looked after the southern area since Bishop Kenney retired and until his successor has now been appointed. This has not been without a cost to me, or the parish. I am most grateful for your support and understanding throughout this period of time. Coming back home after days on the road, has felt like coming back to harbour—a safe place, to recharge, before going out again, sometimes on stormy waters. Over the last two years, I have travelled 41,000 miles which is too much for me and my car, not to mention the finance agreement.

Only this week, I was looking to take a short break of two nights with Fr Michael, and I discovered that I do not have two consecutive nights free over the next three months. Therefore, I had approached Archbishop Bernard to see how it might be possible to better manage by work/life/prayer balance. Pope Francis solved the problem within 48 hours! I look forward to a more balanced way of service to the Lord, as Parish Priest of Henley on Thames, and Dean of South Oxfordshire. I shall savour and enjoy being here, even more, than in the past.

I would like to thank so many of you who have enabled me to be generous in my response, to this unusual request by Archbishop Bernard. Most especially Fr Michael, without whom none of this would be possible. It is wonderful that we now have two priests serving the parish. We have watched him blossom over the last two years , and his creative ideas have enhanced the life of the parish. There has been plenty happening over the last two years, particularly in areas of liturgy, prayer and spirituality. I should also like to thank Sarah Harris, who has been a great support for me as I seek to juggle and respond to so many requests and demands. Geoffrey Fielding has looked after the fabric of the parish and all the many issues of governance, which are so time consuming. I am most grateful.

Canon Paul

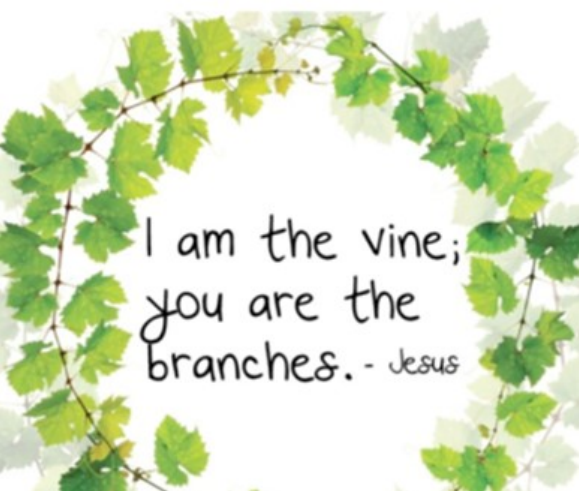
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5 Sunday of Easter Yr B

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## Mass Times and other Services.

### 5 Sunday of Easter Yr B

Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup> April	6.00 pm	Mass
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup> April	8.30 am	Mass
		10.30 am	Mass
Monday	29 <sup>th</sup> April	NO MASS	
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup> April	9:45 am	Morning Prayer
		10:00 am	Mass
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>1.30pm Mass at Sacred Heart School KS1</b>	
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	NO MASS	
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	9:45 am	Morning Prayer
		10:00 am	Mass Graham & Eijkenboom Family

### 6 Sunday of Easter Yr B

Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> May	6.00 pm	Mass
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30 am	Mass
		10.30 am	Mass

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

Offertory Contactless    **£ 70.00**

Website Offertory        **£ 15.00**

Total                        **£ 85.00**

**Standing Orders for March 2024 £ 4,599.00** Very many thanks.

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

Jaime Alto, Noreen Breadmore, Melene Clifford, Gerry Chiasson,  
Monica Chiasson, Arthur De Meyer, Mary Greenham, Linda Heneghan,  
Felicity Hyslop, Evelyn Lochrin, Mary Macken, Jean Marsden,  
Georgie McArthur, John McCann, Sadie Mitchell, Christine Searle  
Elizabeth Whyte, Veronica Willans, Katie Worsfield.

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

*Those who have died:*

**Anniversaries at this time:** Elizabeth Sheppard, Juan Koo Balingit,  
*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.mcn.live/Camera/sacred-heart-catholic-church>

## Liturgical Responses

**Readings:**

Acts 9:26-31  
Psalm 21:26-28, 30-32 resp v26  
1 John 3:18-24  
John 15:1-8

**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.

**Response to the Psalm:**

You, Lord, are my praise in the  
great assembly.

**Gospel acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Make your home in me, as I  
make mine in you.  
Whoever remains in me bears  
fruit in plenty.  
Alleluia!

### Pentecost Vigil:

**Saturday 18 May 6.00pm Mass**

This year we will celebrate the  
extended Vigil of Pentecost  
which like the Easter Vigil has  
extra readings, but will not be as  
long.

In union with the Easter Vigil we  
will also be receiving new  
members of the parish into full  
communion with the Catholic  
Church.

## Parish News

### Baptism

We welcome

**Annelie Okell**

**Patrick Longley Smith**

Into the family of the Church  
and the Parish

### Parish Pastoral Council

The aim of this council is simple:  
to focus and promote the **pastoral  
mission** of our parish community.

It is about mission rather than  
maintenance. This is a direct response  
to the Synod = Walking Together which  
asks the whole Church one question:

*How can we be a Synodal Church on  
Mission?*

A **Deanery Pastoral Council** will follow  
in May, whose aim is to encourage the  
Parishes in the area to work closer

### Henley in Bloom

I have ordered **two Summer Hanging baskets**  
as part of Henley in Bloom at **£78.00 each**.

If you would like to make a contribution towards  
these baskets drop a donation through the presbytery door.

### Canon Paul's Prayer Intentions:

Each week Canon Paul will invite you to join him in prayer for a  
particular intention from his diary:

**This Week:**

**The children of Our Lady, Help of Christians, Oxford** upon  
whom he will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation

**The children of Sacred Heart, Rugby** upon whom he will  
confer the Sacrament of Confirmation

The Culham Chapel Trust.

The Students at Oxford University Chaplaincy.

The Children and Staff at Sacred Heart School, Henley.

The Seminarians and Staff of Oscott College.

Please remember in your prayers **Raymond Wood** who has died. We keep  
Pauline and her family in our prayers at this time. Ray's funeral Mass will  
be celebrated here on Thursday 9 May (Ascension Thursday) at 1.30pm.  
*Lord, receive our brother into the company of all the saints.*

### Parish Prayer Group

On **Tuesday (30 April) at 7.30pm** our parish **Prayer Group** will begin. We  
shall study '**Lectio Divina**' = Prayer with Scripture. This will be a three-week  
course. Our text will be **John Chap. 17. The High Priestly prayer of Jesus**.  
Canon Paul will lead this interactive session, which you can also follow at  
home. Each session will take place in the Church to allow livestreaming of  
this event. The session will also be recorded.

A guide can be found with the newsletters

I am grateful to **Fr Michael** for celebrating the Masses this weekend.  
As the parish visitations draw to a close, **the Confirmation Season**  
has begun.

This weekend I am celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at  
Our Lady, Help of Christians, Oxford on Saturday at 5.30pm  
and at Sacred Heart, Bilton, Rugby on Sunday at 9.30am.

### Urgent appeal:

We would welcome anyone who would be able  
to assist with the Confirmation preparation sessions  
which will begin very shortly.

**Second Collection The Clergy Training  
Fund.** Due a fault with the contactless machine,  
**this collection will be repeated this week.**

This fund pays for the training of Priests and  
Deacons across the Archdiocese.

### Safeguarding

*The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safe-  
guarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses  
policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguard-  
ing Representative is Jill Allen. She can be contacted at:  
sg.sh.henley@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan  
Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/  
safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.*

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