

### Hymn 456

#### Christ is made the sure foundation

Christ the head and corner-stone,  
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
Binding all the Church in one,  
Holy Sion's help for ever,  
And her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,  
Dearly loved of God on high,  
In exultant jubilation  
Pours perpetual melody,  
God the One in Three adoring  
In glad hymns eternally.

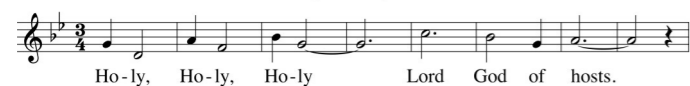
To this temple where we call you  
Come, Almighty Lord, today;  
With your wonted loving kindness  
Hear your people as they pray,  
And your fullest benediction  
Shed within its walls always.

Grant, we pray, to all your servants  
What they ask of you to gain,  
What they gain of you forever  
With the blessed to retain,  
And hereafter in your glory  
Evermore with you to reign.

Praise and honour to the Father,  
Praise and honour to the Son,  
Praise and honour to the Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One,  
Consubstantial, co-eternal,  
While unending ages run.



#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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### Hymn 324

Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,  
For by His power each tree and flower  
was planned and made.  
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;  
Sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: Jesus is Lord!

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!  
Praise Him with alleluias, for Jesus is Lord!*

Jesus is Lord! Yet from His throne eternal  
In flesh He came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.  
Jesus is Lord! From Him all life proceeding,  
Yet gave His life a ransom thus setting us free.

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,  
From death He rose  
and all His foes shall own His name.  
Jesus is Lord! God sends His Holy Spirit  
To show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.

*Communion  
Ave Verum - Karl Jenkins -*

### Hymn 880

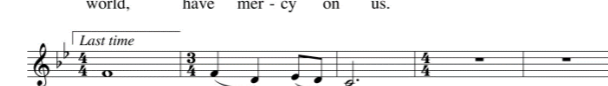
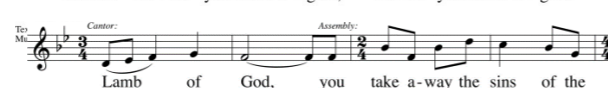
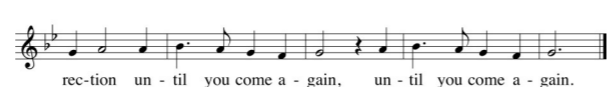
#### Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

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



# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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Parish Secretary: Sarah Harris (Wed- Fri 9—1pm)

### Diocesan Plan 2030.

I have described how the archdiocese is to reshape its parish structures to advance the mission of our Churches by reducing the number of parishes from 210 to 50 by 2030. This seeks to lift the burden of administration from the Clergy, to free them up for the mission of the Church. To encourage the priests and people of an area to work more closely together to share resources. As well as respond to the fact that the number of Priests will halve in the next 5/7 years, with 10+ priests retiring each year.

What might this look like in a predominately rural area such as South Oxfordshire? In the newsletter of 19 April I used St. Michael's, Sonning Common as an example, where several priests of the Deanery work together with the Parish Council, under my direction. There are other possibilities and we will have to consult widely to see which model works best here. However, it is likely given the Canonical requirements that our seven Churches would become one Parish, with me as the Parish Priest. There would be a Deanery Pastoral Council to help co-ordinate the parish, aided by one finance committee, one H & S committee with a safeguarding team to support each church, but working together. There would be one bank account.

Taking the burden of administration from the Priests would free them to concentrate on the mission of the parish and the care of souls, which is widely welcomed. The idea of not being a Parish Priest is still a challenging ask for some. Working in a different way, across boundaries and even the possibility of living together in a community, is engaging for others. You can see, that the priests are still adjusting to this new vision which the Archdiocese are asking them to undertake. For the people, there will be less change as the same priest will celebrate Mass in the same Church, but this is an opportunity to ask all the People of God to become more deeply involved in the life of their Church and the parish, using the gifts of the synodal pathway.

There is a Deanery Visitation this Autumn, led by Bishop Richard Walker, where we will begin to draw this Diocesan Plan into a reality. However, the Priests are keen to start early, and not to wait until the autumn. We will begin to consult widely and to look at the needs and priorities of each parish community over the coming months. What I don't want is change, for change sake, but we cannot stay the same, given the challenges that we face at this time. As we approach the great Feast of Pentecost, we need to ask the Holy Spirit to give us his wisdom from on high and to guide the Church (in South Oxfordshire), as he has, since the very first Pentecost day. *Come Holy Spirit.*

**Canon Paul**

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## 5 Sunday of Easter Yr C

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*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life*

## Mass Times and other Services.

### 5 Sunday of Easter Yr A

Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	11.00 am	Holy Hour and Confessions	
		6:00 pm	Mass	Brendan Rafferty
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	8.30 am	Mass	Barbara Head
		10:30 am	Mass	Thanksgiving (MS)
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> May	NO MASS		
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> May	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	Joe.
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup> May	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	Dominic Sharkey
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> May	NO MASS		
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> May	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass Graham & Eijkenboom Family	

### 6 Sunday of Easter Yr A

Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> May	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30 am	Mass	
		10:30 am	Mass	Rosie Meachin (w)

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

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**Standing Orders for March 2026 £ 3,867.00 Very many thanks.**

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

Jill Allen, Jaime Alto, Maria J Bagumayan,  
Noreen Breadmore, Melene Clifford,  
Arthur De Meyer, Linda Heneghan, Evelyn Lochrin,  
John McCann, Veronica Willans, Katie Worsfield.

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

*Those who have died:* **Judith Champ.**

**Anniversaries that occur at this time:** Elizabeth Sheppard, Juan Koo Balingit, Corrol Legg, Barbara Brogan, Daphne Farmer.

***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 6:1-7  
Psalm 33:1-2. 4-5. 18-19  
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.

**Response to the Psalm:**

May your merciful love be  
upon us,  
as we hope in you, O Lord.

**Gospel acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** [Sung]  
I am the way, and the truth,  
and the life, says the Lord.  
No one comes to the Father  
except through me  
**Alleluia!** [Sung]

**Pentecost Vigil:**

**Saturday 23 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. We have used this as an option in previous years.

Now the new Lectionary recommends that all parishes extend the Vigil of Pentecost.

The full readings and prayers are set out in our new Mass books for the first time.

## Parish News

### Holy Hour & Confessions

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the First Saturday of each month.

There will also be a Holy Hour from 11.00 –12.00 Noon.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Will be celebrated on Saturday 20 June at 6pm, by Bishop Richard Walker. It is not too late to apply, especially if you are an adult.

### Professor Judith Champ RIP

Judith taught Church history at Oscott College and mentored generations of Priests across the country.

Canon Paul would have been in her first class, and Deacon Tenny in her last class, 35 years later!

Her funeral will be celebrated by Cardinal Vincent at St. Chad's

### Henley Arts Trail

Bank Holiday Weekend:  
2, 3, 4 May

This year our parish hall will be one of the venues for this event: Free entry.

**To add gift aid:** to your credit or debit card all you have to do is press the button on the right, in blue, then press next and fill in your email address and details.

**You only have to do this once.**

### Safeguarding

*The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative David Connolly. He 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*

### Faith Formation: Spirituality and Prayer

Our prayer group will be meeting each week:

**Prayer this week will be lead by Deacon Tenny**

**This Friday 8 May — The Crypt Room — 7.00pm.**

### The Choir

Will be leading the liturgy this Sunday at 10.30am. You are most welcome to join them, just pop into the organ loft at 10.00 am.

### Church Cleaning

This Thursday at 10.00am  
All welcome just turn up.

If you would like to support this initiative please use this QR code:



### Upgrading the Heating— Laudato Si

This month marks the tenth anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical 'Laudato Si', which continued and developed the Church's social teaching on ecological issues. The Bishops of E&W ask Catholics to study and be inspired by 'Laudato Si', and deepen their relationship with Christ and, through doing so, take practical action to protect and nurture God's creation.

*In response:*

*We have removed the Gas boilers and fitting Air Source heat pumps.*

*This means that there we will only use gas in the Parish Hall, radically reducing our carbon footprint.*

**The project has been completed, there are no fossil fuels used in our Church.**

We hope to fit solar panels on our hall in the near future

### Thursdays at Three Tea/Biscuits & Chatter

Every Thursday in the Parish Hall.

An opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners.



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