

## Hymn 644

### Alleluia, sing to Jesus

His the sceptre, his the throne,  
Alleluia, his the triumph,  
His the victory alone:  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Sion  
Thunder like a mighty flood,  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
Has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia, he is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how;  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?'.

Alleluia, Bread of Angels,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay'  
Alleluia, here the sinful  
Flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal  
Thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia, born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne;  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth, both priest and victim  
In the Eucharistic Feast.

**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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## Hymn 920

### A New Commandment

*A new commandment I give unto you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you  
that you love one another as I have loved you*

By this shall mankind know that you are my disciples,  
If you have love one for another.

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## Hymn 356

### Hail, Queen of Heav'n

Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean star!  
Guide of the wand'rer here below!  
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care'  
Save us from peril and from woe.  
Mother of Christ, star of the sea,  
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste and spotless maid,  
We sinners make our prayers through thee;  
Remind thy son that he has paid  
The price of our iniquity.  
Virgin most pure, star of the sea,  
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

Sojourners in this vale of tears,  
To thee, blest advocate, we cry;  
Pity our sorrow, calm our fears,  
And soothe with hope our misery.  
Refuge in grief, star of the sea,  
Pray for the mourner, pray for me.

And while to him who reigns above,  
In Godhead One, in Persons Three,  
The source of life, of grace, of love,  
Homage we pay on bended knee.  
Do thou, bright Queen, star of the sea,  
Pray for thy children, pray for me.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION A**

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res - ur -  
rec-tion un - til you come a - gain, un - til you come a - gain.

*Cantor:*  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

*To repeat*  
world, have mer - cy on us.

*Last time*  
world, grant us peace.

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# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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## 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.

In a predominately rural area such as South Oxfordshire where there are seven Churches and six priests (I also run St. Michael's, Sonning Common) our approach in the future will have to be different. For parishioners not much will change, their priest will still be celebrating Mass in their parish, but the way the priest works will change, as Priests and people work more closely together.

This week our dynamic has changed again, as Fr John Osman celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. In the Church, whether you are a Parish Priest or a Cardinal, 80 is a significant number. Cardinal Vincent reached 80 years in November and immediately stepped down as Archbishop of Westminster and from all his Vatican jobs, and in the same way, this week Fr John steps down as Parish Priest of Dorchester on Thames after 31 years! As of this weekend, I have become Parish Priest of St. Birinus, Dorchester on Thames. I shall be celebrating the Masses in Dorchester & Berinsfield, this weekend, as I introduce myself to the parishioners. This means that we now have five priests running seven parishes. With fewer priests in the area, it is increasingly more challenging to find cover during the summer or when there is illness. If the burden of administration is lifted and the many other things that a priest is doing, but is not essential to his vocation, we can cope. We are still a fairly young Deanery, given that the average age of a priest is over 65 yrs. However, as the Diocese freely admits, this can work very well, when there are six or five active priests; but what are you going to do, when there are only three ?

There are currently ten places of worship across the Deanery: the seven Parish Churches + Stonor, Berinsfield and Woodcote. There are 20 Masses celebrated each weekend, across these ten places of worship. The answer to the question above, is that if there were only three priests there would be only 9 Masses celebrated each weekend, and I don't know how many places of worship there might be ?

*Happy Birthday, Fr John.*  
(I reach 80 yrs in 2044)

**Canon Paul**

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## 6 Sunday of Easter Yr C

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## Mass Times and other Services.

### 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	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Mass	Rosie Meachin (w)
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup> May	NO MASS		
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup> May	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup> May	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	Cathy Sharkey

### The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am	Mass	
		7.00 pm	Mass	
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> May	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	Graham & Eijkenboom Family

### 7 Sunday of Easter Yr A

Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>First Holy Communion Mass</b>	
		6:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30 am	Mass	
		10:30 am	Mass	D & P Fitzpatrick

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**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:*

**Anniversaries that occur at this time:** Ernie Brown, Peggy Lindsay, Jean Marsden, Timothy Capell, Ray Thomas, Audrey Hutton, Maureen Keeley, Javier Astrada, Walter New, John Flanagan, Lou Cunningham. **May they rest in peace**

**Live Streaming of Mass:** to enable our Sick and Housebound of our Parish Community

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## Liturgical Responses

Readings:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17  
Psalm 65:1-7, 16, 20  
1 Peter 3:15-18  
John 14:15-21

Entrance antiphon:

Proclaim a joyful sound  
and let it be heard;  
Proclaim to the ends of the  
earth:  
The Lord has freed his people  
Alleluia.

Response to the Psalm:

Cry out with joy to God,  
all the earth.

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! [Sung]  
If anyone loves me, he will keep  
my word, says the Lord,  
and my Father will love him, and  
we will come to him.  
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

### 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.

### Upgrading the Heating— Laudato Si

This month marks the 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.**

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### 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*

## Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (Ascension Thursday)

There will be two Masses = 10am and 7.00pm

**Thank you to Fr Michael** for celebrating the Masses this weekend.

Deacon Tenny and I are celebrating the Masses at Dorchester on Thames & Berinsfield.

### First Holy Communion

On Saturday we celebrate First Holy Communion. There will be six children at our 12.00 noon. There will be two other Children receiving their FHC at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday. Please keep these Children and their families in your prayers at this time.

### FHC Practice on Thursday 6pm

**Second Collection**  
The Poor Parishes of the Diocese



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### Parish Prayer Group meets each Friday in the Crypt Room at 7.00pm

This week it will be led by our own parish expert Zbigniew Karpowicz, who has done several courses on Lectio Divina.

### Pentecost Sunday

We want to celebrate the richness and diversity of the parish community. Please **write a bidding prayer** in your own language (ending with Lord in your mercy) and come forward to read during Mass. Also please **lead the Our Father** in your own language.

### Thursdays at Three Tea/Biscuits & Chatter

Every Thursday in the Parish Hall. An opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners. All welcome.

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