

Hymn 865

I, the Lord of sea and sky

I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I who made the stars of night,
 I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if You lead me.

I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
 I have borne my people's pain.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone,
 Give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
 I will send the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide
 Till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

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.

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

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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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION A

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur -
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7 Sunday of Easter Yr A

17 May 2026

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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 five active priests (I also run St. Michael's, Sonning Common and Dorchester on Thames) 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.

Moving forward there will be a period of **Canonical Consultation**, which means that the consultation has to be presented to meet the requirements of the Church's Law. Firstly, I shall have to clearly communicate exactly what is envisaged by our new structure and what is the rationale behind it. Consultation is a chance to gather a wide range of perspectives, ensuring that everyone's voice is heard, rather than trying to obtain a majority view. This includes presenting a long-term vision ensuring sustainable parishes and responsible stewardship of resources for the future.

In particular, consultation requires listening with empathy and compassion; to communicate openly & honestly; to involve all groups in dialogue; to model positive leadership and understand the possibilities for new opportunities. This understands consultation to be a process of shared discernment, not a vote. To seek to discern and understand God's will throughout this process. In this sense, consultation should be thoughtful, transparent and rooted in prayer. Discernment is a shared process that seeks God's will above personal preference and openness to change is part of that journey.

In particular we need to ask ourselves the following questions: The care of souls, how can we build up the care of the people of the parishes? What is the Pastoral need? How can we aid greater participation and growth? How can we strengthen the mission of each parish? How can we foster and deepen unity? How does this reflect prudent stewardship? This is a very different process than how we might understand consultation, and we are going to ensure that this can be a fruitful exercise for all.

Canon Paul

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Mass Times and other Services.

7 Sunday of Easter Yr A

Saturday	16 th May	12.00 noon	First Holy Communion Mass	
		6:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday	17 th May	8.30 am	Mass	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Mass	D & P Fitzpatrick
Monday	18 th May	NO MASS		
Tuesday	19 th May	9.00 am	Mass at Sacred Heart School	
		9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	
Wednesday	20 th May	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	
Thursday	21 st May	NO MASS		
Friday	22 nd May	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass Graham & Eijkenboom Family	

Pentecost Sunday Yr A

Saturday	23 th May	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday	24 th May	8.30 am	Mass	
		10:30 am	Mass	Bhavini Nathan

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Standing Orders for April 2026 £ 3,857.00 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:

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Ray Thomas, Audrey Hutton,
Maureen Keeley, Javier Astrada, Walter New, John Flanagan,
Lou Cunningham. Monica Loader, Nuala Brice, June Holt.

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 27:1 4.7-81

Psalm 27:1. 4. 7-8

1 Peter 4:13-16

John 17:1-11

Entrance antiphon:

O Lord, hear my voice,
for I have called to you;
of you my heart has spoken:
Seek his face;
hide not your face from me,
Alleluia.

Response to the Psalm:

I believe I shall see the Lord's
goodness in the land of the living

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! [Sung]

I will not leave you as orphans,
says the Lord.

I am going away
and I will come to you,
and your hearts will rejoice
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

Family Mass

Today: at our 10.30 am Mass will be the family Mass, when we encourage younger families with children to take part in the liturgy: reading and hymns.
See Sabrina or Val for more details.

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.

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

This week we will be praying the Novena to the Holy Spirit.

The nine days between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday, is the original novena (nine) in the Church.

We will pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, upon us each of us and the parish as a whole.

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

First Holy Communion

On Saturday we celebrate First Holy Communion. There will be six children at our 12.00 noon mass. 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.

Thank you.

I would like to thank Anne Sanders and Irene Hewitt who have given their time freely and generously to be the most amazing catechists for some of these Children.

I should especially like to thank my secretary Sarah Harris who has co-ordinated the FHC brilliantly.

The New Mass Books

All of our Mass Books have a personal dedication and we encourage you to remember that person in your prayers during each Mass.

If you missed the opportunity to dedicate a book in memory of a loved one, or would like to sponsor a Mass Book, we are now offering another opportunity, as the next 100 Books have arrived, and will be used in two weeks time.

See the sheet at the back of the Church

Congratulations:

Nina Backowska

Camilla Birkett

Giorgio Finella

Ruaidhrí Mac Colgáin

Gabriella Martinez

Isabella Meagher

Elena Mikulski

Elsie Pratt

The Gospel of Luke—Scripture Group The Journey to Jerusalem & Parables Luke 15 1— 19:27

Wednesday 7.30 pm online by Zoom.
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84772799050?pwd=wgDMpjayNdaom2ZdqBP8NAGTM2EDCn.1>

Thursday in Person at St Michael's Church, Sonning Common 10.00am
All welcome

Parish Celebration: Sunday 14 June

This June it is 80 years since our Church was opened. We will mark the occasion with a **Parish BBQ** on the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

All welcome bring something to share.

Online Offertory Donation:

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