

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 604

Lord, accept the gifts we offer.

Lord, accept the gifts we offer
at this Eucharistic feast;
bread and wine to be transformed now
through the action of thy priest.
Take us too, Lord and transform us,
be thy grace in us increased

May our souls be pure and spotless
as the host of what so fine;
may all stain of sin be crusted out,
like the grape that forms the wine,
as we, too, become partakers
in this sacrifice divine.

Take our gifts, almighty Father.
living God, eternal, true,
which we give through Christ, our Saviour,
pleading here for us anew.
Grant salvation to all present
and our faith and love renew.

Hymn 663

Sweet sacrament divine,

Hid in thy earthly home,
Lo! Round thy lowly shrine
With suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise,
In songs of love and heartfelt praise,
Sweet sacrament divine.

Sweet sacrament of peace,
Dear home of every heart,
Where restless yearnings cease,
And sorrows all depart,
There in thine ear all trustfully
We tell our tale of misery,
Sweet sacrament of peace.

Sweet sacrament of rest,
Ark from the ocean's roar,
Within thy shelter blest
Soon may we reach the shore.
Save us, for still the tempest raves;
Save, lest we sink beneath the waves –
Sweet sacrament of rest.

Sweet sacrament divine,
Earth's light and jubilee,
In thy far depths doth shine
Thy Godhead's majesty;
Sweet light, so shine on us we pray,
That earthly joys may fade away,
Sweet sacrament divine.

Hymn 960

Guide Me O thou great Redeemer

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak, but though art mighty
Hold me with thy powerful hand
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more

Open now thy crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death, and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee

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Magnifica Humanitas.

The Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church has been described as 'its best kept secret!' This is less so today, given the interest in Pope Leo's latest encyclical '*Magnifica Humanitas*' which is about 'the grandeur of humanity in the light of the promises of AI'. As the title suggests this encyclical focuses on Artificial Intelligence, and so much more. To fully understand the significance of this document it is very helpful to understand the 'best kept secret' as a whole.

135 years ago, Pope Leo XIII wrote his landmark encyclical, '*Rerum Novarum*' the first encyclical to place the concerns of humanity within the broader social context. There are two clues here: Firstly, on his election Cardinal Provost took the name 'Leo' (XIV) thereby signalling that he would be following in the footsteps of Pope Leo XIII. Secondly, we all expected his first encyclical to follow shortly, and that it would address the social context in which humanity finds its today. So it is not a surprise, that MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS, signed on the very day of the 135th anniversary of *Rerum Novarum*, commemorates and updates the themes of Pope Leo XIII's landmark encyclical.

Rerum Novarum's first paragraphs notes the upheaval due to the Industrial revolution which has placed the resources of the many, in the hands of the few, and has reduced humanity 'to a yoke little better than that of slavery itself' (RN 3). This finding reminds us that the tradition of the Social Doctrine of the Church is rooted in Christian Anthropology rooted in the Incarnation, the word made flesh. Writing in 1891, '*Rerum Novarum*' was Leo XII response to the Industrial revolution. Writing, in 2026, Leo XIV is speaking to the concerns concerning the digital revolution, from its outset, in this sense it can be seen as prophetic.

In future newsletters, we can examine the encyclical in more detail, here is a brief overview:
The first two chapters of MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS chart the 'foundations and principles of the Social Doctrine of the Church'. Beginning with Leo XII, the document charts the development of Catholic Social Doctrine from 1891, until the present day, noting the contribution of every Pope in that time. These chapters would be an excellent place to begin an overview or course on Catholic Social Doctrine for interested parishioners.
Chapter Three: 'Technology & Dominance the grandeur of humanity in the light of the promises of AI'.
Chapter Four: 'Safeguarding humanity at a time of Transformation. Truth, Work, Freedom.'
Chapter Five: 'The Culture of Power and the Civilisation of Love'.

Canon Paul



Corpus Christi Yr A

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Mass Times and other Services.

Corpus Christi Yr A

Saturday	6 th June	11.00 am	Holy Hour and Confessions	
		6:00 pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	7 th June	8.30 am	Mass	
		10:30 am	Mass	Rosie Meachin (w)
Monday	8 th June	NO MASS		
Tuesday	9 th June	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	
Wednesday	10 th June	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	
Thursday	11 th June	NO MASS		
Friday	12 th June	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass Graham & Eijkenboom Family	

Feast of Sacred Heart

Saturday	13 th June	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday	14 th June	8.30 am	Mass	
		10:30 am	Mass	Bhavani Nathan

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

Offertory Contactless	£ 293.00	Sound System	£ 320.00
Website Offertory	£ 10.00	Mass Books	£40.00
Total	£ 663.00		

Standing Orders for May 2026 £ 3,794.00 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: Eithne Johnson, Edward Lowe,
Ian Shuttleworth, Mario D'Urso, Patrick Keenan. **May they rest in peace**

Liturgical Responses

Readings:

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a
Psalm 27:147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58

Entrance antiphon:

He fed them with the finest wheat, and satisfied them with honey from the rock. Alleluia.

Response to the Psalm:

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! [Sung]
I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.

If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.

Alleluia! [Sung]

Live Streaming:

1—31 May 2026
774 Views.
13 Countries.

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UK 593
Spain 52
Slovakia 29
Ireland 21
Italy 20
Portugal 19
Netherlands 11, US 11,
Singapore 6
Malta 5
France 4
Germany 2
Poland 1

I am at St. Michael's Sonning Common on Sunday, leading a Parish Synodal assembly on Mission & Evangelisation. Thank you, Fr Michael.

Parish News

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.

Corpus Christi Procession Sunday 7 June 2.00pm

Starting at St. William of York Reading (RG1 5JP)
Lead by UoR Catholic Society.

See Poster for details
All welcome

Parish Celebration: Sunday 14 June Next Sunday

This June it is 90 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.

Sound System Appeal

Many Parishioners have voiced concern about the quality of the Sound System in the Church, improvements will include new microphones, amplifier, speakers and a hearing aid loop. The cost is circa £9,000, which is not in our current, fully utilised, Capital Budget. We are mindful this is a priority, that the Word of God should be clearly heard, and are launching an appeal, this week, to match the cost. If you join us by livestreaming, you will be aware of the annoying 'Hummm' which the microphones make. You are also invited join the Appeal. **Use this QR code**



Upgrading the Heating—Laudato Si

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.



The New Mass Books

Our next set of Mass books will be used from today.

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.

See the sheet at the back of the Church

Deacon Tenny's Ordination

to the Priesthood will take place at St. Chad's Cathedral which you can join by Live-steaming.

Deacon Tenny has decided to invite us to his **First Mass, on Saturday 11 July at 12.00 noon** at St Thomas More Church in Coventry.

We have placed a **sign-up sheet at the back of the Church** to measure interest, and if there are enough wishing to go, we shall organise a Coach.

Holy Hour & Confessions Saturday 6 June

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

There will also be a Holy Hour

Thursdays at Three Tea/Biscuits & Chatter

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

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

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