

Hymn 466
All people that on earth do dwell
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
Come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise;
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why! The Lord our God is good;
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure

Hymn 795
I heard the voice of Jesus say
‘Come unto me and rest;
lay down, you weary one, lay down
your head upon me breast’.
I came to Jesus as I was
weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Behold I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down, and drink and live’.
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

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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I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise
and all your day be bright’.
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till travelling days are done.

Hymn 807
Praise my soul, the king of heaven!
Praise, my soul, the king of heaven!
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting king!

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

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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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.

Finally, and in my view most significantly, the subtlety of the encyclical lies in its understanding of *Magnificent Humanity*, continuing the tradition of Christian Anthropology, begun by Pope Leo XIII. Today’s ‘tech bros’ claim that AI will fix and enhance humanity from its defects, fragility and limitations – cure cancer and disease - that we may all live to 150 years old, or hopefully forever and will make humanity magnificent. (It is no irony that these few who have everything, are terrified of their mortality and prospect of loosing everything in death).

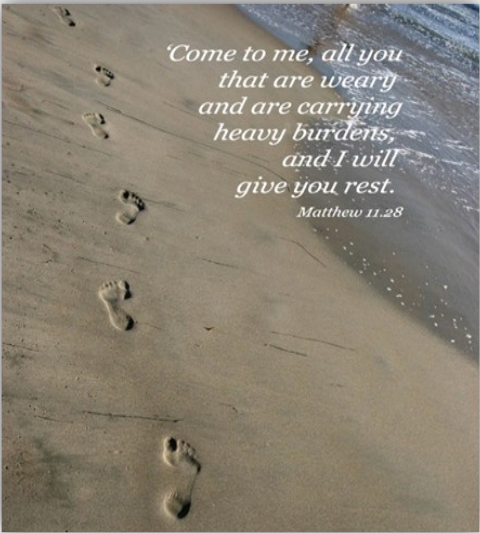
Pope Leo XIV argues that humanity made in the image and likeness of God is already magnificent and is not ‘as a defect to be corrected’ We must remember that humanity flourishes not despite limitations, but often through them. This in turn leads to compassion, a sincere concern for the needs of others, a generosity of spirit, the spiritual experience and worship of God. Indeed, the very limitation of humanity is that which enables the humility of spirit and openness of vision to recognise more clearly the transcendence of God and enter, not into a virtual reality, but rather the concrete reality of a filial relationship with God, Creator and Father.

The grandeur of humanity is seen in Christ. His weakness is revealed on the Cross, which is a sign of God’s love and mercy for us. By the gift of the Holy Spirit we have be filled with God’s presence revealing our magnificent humanity. In Christ, we are called to co-operate in the work of creation, rather than be disinterested observers of technological processes that limit our freedom and responsibility. The dignity given to us by the Holy Spirit is seen by our capacity to reflect critically, choose and love freely, and form authentic relationships. No computational system, however sophisticated, can create a heart that gives itself, or a conscience that discerns good from evil. The grandeur of humanity is seen in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



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Mass Times and other Services.

14 Sunday of Year A

Saturday	4 th July	6:00 pm	Mass	Bruce Thomson & Leah Adamson
Sunday	5 th July	8.30 am	Mass	Jack & Alice Holden
		10:30 am	Mass	Kate Hunt
Monday	6 th July	NO MASS		
Tuesday	7 th July	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	People of the Parish
Wednesday	8 th July	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	
Thursday	9 th July	NO MASS		
Friday	10 th July	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	Deacon Tenny

15 Sunday of Year A

Saturday	11 th July	6:00 pm	Mass	Edward, Elizabeth, & Robert Bagshawe
Sunday	12 th July	8.30 am	Mass	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Mass	Anne Dempsey

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

Offertory Contactless	£ 344.00	Sound System	£ 146.00
Website Offertory	£ 190.00	Peter's Pence	£ 210.00
Total	£ 890.00		

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: **Anne Dempsey**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Bruce Thomson, Bridget Kidd,
Anne Wood, Paul Tams. **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:

Zechariah 9:9-10
Psalm 145:1-2. 8-9. 10-11. 13-14.
Romans 8:9, 11-13
Matthew 11:25-30

Entrance antiphon:

Your merciful love, O God
we have received
in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God,
like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand
is filled with saving justice

Response to the Psalm:

I will bless your name for ever,
my God and King.

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! [Sung]

I thank you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of
the kingdom to little children.
Alleluia! [Sung]

Live Streaming:

1—30 June 2026
821 Views.
19 Countries.

Countries

UK 678
Romania 39
Slovakia 23
United States 18
Ireland 17
Netherlands 11
Canada 8
Spain 6, Poland 5
Germany 3, Singapore 3
France 2, India 2
Australia 1, Greece 1
Israel 1, New Zealand 1
Switzerland 1, Ukraine 1.

Parish News

Deacon Tenny has been appointed

here!! As assistant Priest at Sacred Heart, Henley on Thames, to serve across South Oxfordshire Deanery (as I am responsible for three parishes) and to support the proposed merger of the parishes across the Deanery. He will begin on 4 September.

Henley Royal Regatta

It is a great pleasure to welcome all our visitors to Henley for the Regatta in particular we have been cheering on the rowers and crews from the various Catholic Colleges and Academies. If you haven't introduced yourself yet, please do, so we can support you today, and with our prayers as well.

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. Our appeal, has now reached **£ 2,658.00**. Thank you for your support. You are also invited join the Appeal. **Use this QR code**



First Communion 2027. Changes:

Preparation for First Communion will take place in Parish sessions only. This follows advice from the Catholic Education Service to all Schools and Parishes.

Those children wishing to make their First Communion next May, are advised to enrol now so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

More details to follow.

Deacon Tenny's First Mass will be a very colourful event, as there will be so many beautiful sari's worn and other dress. Therefore, I suggest we add to the colour with **Regatta wear**—big hats—colourful outfits – and the ladies too!

WeBelieve Festival at Oscott College.

From **Friday 24 - Monday 27 July** at the historic and beautiful setting of St Mary's College, Oscott for a feast of the True, the Good and the Beautiful. *There's a 33% discount on day tickets using the code 'BIRMINGHAM-DISCOUNT' at checkout.* <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/webelieve-festival-is-back-for-2026>

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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