

Hymn 315
Lead us, heav’nly Father, lead us
O’er the world’s tempestuous sea:
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but thee;
Yet possessing ev’ry blessing
If our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o’er us,
All our weakness thou dost know,
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Lone and dreary, faint and weary,
Through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

Hymn 604
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.

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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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 963
Eternal Father, strong to save
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Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
Who bidd’st the mighty ocean deep,
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep
And calm amid its rage didst sleep;
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace;
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger’s hour.
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them whereso’er they go,
And ever let there rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

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
Assembly:
To repeat
world, have mer - cy on us.
Last time
world, grant us peace.

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Reflections on Priestly Life.

This photo was taken in 1986, and it is fair to say that since then there have been many changes in society, the Church and Priestly life. As Fr Tenny is ordained this is a moment of reflection for me. After my ordination I was what used to be called ‘*canon fodder*’ - appointed to a strict old Canon and his housekeeper, in a large city parish with schools, hospitals and other institutions = you knew your place, there were house rules and a curfew. It wasn’t a particularly happy time, and one endured, rather than flourished.

Today it not about the size and needs of the parish, rather the ‘*Priest Mentor*’, usually someone who has worked in the seminary and is familiar with the transition from community life to parish life. There is no house-keeper, and there isn’t a curfew either. Each new priest has a spiritual director and there is an emphasis upon building and maintaining your spiritual life. We expect newly ordained priests to flourish in this context.

Previously, you would have been one of a number of newly ordained priests and there were other young priests nearby to meet with and share experiences. Fr Tenny is the only assistant priest south of Birmingham. However, the under-10’s have formed a group who meet regularly to support each other. In the past, this would have been judged suspiciously as a trade union, not so today.

The most significant change for priestly life, is what will happen in the next five years, when we move to a different model of priestly life, based on **Priestly fraternity**. It begins here, in South Oxfordshire, and will then be rolled out across the diocese—this is one reason why Fr Tenny has been appointed here. With fewer clergy, isolation is a issue, as priests work alone, at a greater distance from each other. We have adopted a model which is called, working ‘*in Solidum*’. When I was ordained, parishes were sometimes like rival kingdoms, and parish priests like barons defending their land. This image has no place in the Church of today. Rather, each priest acts as the servant of all, working across parish boundaries, ‘*in Solidum*’, as part of a team, where the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Fr Tenny will celebrate Mass in four different Churches over the course of each month, and will be asked to specialise in particular roles such as provision for young people, catechesis, and working in several schools across the deanery. Working ‘*in Solidum*’ is cultural shift, and we are still adapting to a new mode of priestly life. In many ways, I much prefer the life of a priest today, than in the past, because of the emphasis on Priestly fraternity.

Canon Paul

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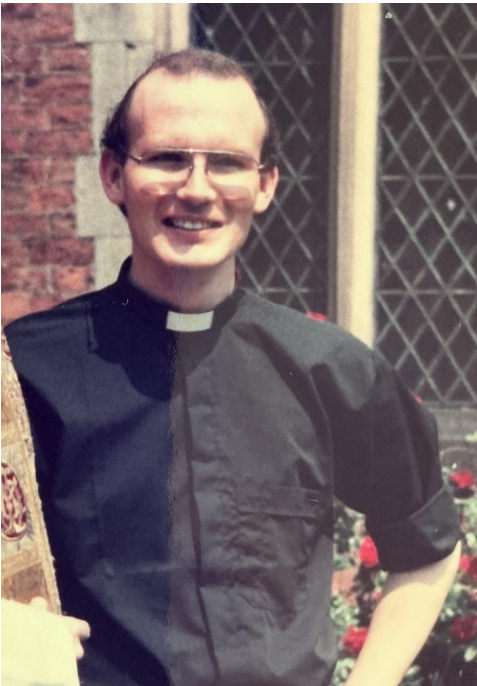
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Mass Times and other Services.

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
Monday	13 th July	NO MASS		
Tuesday	14 th July	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	
Wednesday	15 th July	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	
Thursday	16 th July	9:30 am School End of Term Mass (in Church)		
		11.00 am	Funeral Mass	Anne Dempsey
Friday	17 th July	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	Graham & Eijkenboom Family

16 Sunday of Year A

Saturday	18 th July	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday	19 th July	8.30 am	Mass	
		10:30 am	Mass	Jim Kennedy

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

Offertory Contactless £ 335.00 Sound System £ 150.00

Website Offertory £ 10.00

Total £ 495.00

Standing Orders for May 2026 £ 3,544.00 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: Paul Tams, Gabriele Bertoli,
Jim Kennedy, Maureen Stevens, Veronica (Jane) De Souza

May they rest in peace

Liturgical Responses

Readings:

Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm 65:10, 10-11, 12-13, 14
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

Entrance antiphon:

As for me,
in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision
of your glory

Response to the Psalm:

Some seed fell into good soil
and yielded its fruit.

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! [Sung]
The seed is the word of God,
Christ the sower;
all who find him will live for ever.
Alleluia! [Sung]

Parish News

Father 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.

First Communion 2027.

Please enrol now if you wish your child to make their FHC next May.

Preparation for First Communion will take place in Parish sessions only. Every child is expected to attend classes here each Friday at 4.00pm. Failure to attend will result in FHC being postponed for 12 months.

This follows advice from the Catholic Education Service due to a change in the education curriculum whereby the Sacrament of Reconciliation will no longer be taught in year 3, prior to FHC. Therefore, our parish catechists will teach this module.

Father Tenny's Ordination is Friday 10 July

At St. Chad's Cathedral at 11.00am:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/st-chads-cathedral>
<https://www.youtube.com/@stchadscathedral>

Let's keep Father Tenny in our thoughts and prayers this week.

Father Tenny's First Mass

Father Tenny has invited us to his First Mass, on Saturday 11 July at St Thomas More Church in Coventry.

We have organised the Coach. It is £25 return.

Leaving Henley at 9.15am back by 4.00pm

Do pop your payment into an envelope entitled: First Mass Travel.

Father Tenny's Ordination Gift.

To mark Father Tenny's ordination we are going to buy him a particular vestment he requires. It is being made in India to follow requirements of his rite, and is much cheaper than here, but it still £ 1,000.00.

Please use the contactless machine to donate.

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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, Our an appeal, has now reached **£ 2,934.00**. Thank you for your support.

You are also invited join the Appeal. **Use this QR code**



Sea Sunday = Today.

There is a second collection for Stella Maris, the Apostleship for Seafarers. Please remember those who work months from home, and those stuck in the straights of Hormuz.

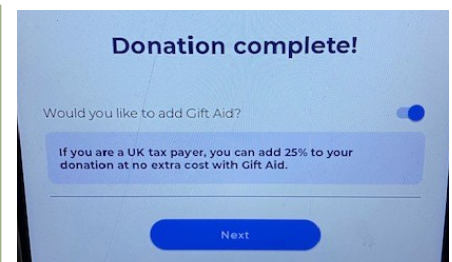


Thursdays at Three Tea/Biscuits & Chatter

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

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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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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:

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