

Hymn 801
Love divine, all loves excelling
Joy of heav’n, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and sinless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee.

Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Hymn 846
Amazing Grace
Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I’m found,
Was blind, but now I see.’

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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Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
’Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures.
He will be shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

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

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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Reflections on Priestly Life.
You are not the finished article.



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Were a newly ordained Fr Tenny to arrive in a new parish there would be an expectation that he arrives fully formed, ready to go. We have all been impressed by Fr Tenny’s many skills, but we know that he has not celebrated any of the Sacraments as yet. In the coming year, he will be approaching every experience for the first time. A first Baptism, a first Wedding, a first Funeral, it will be a year of firsts. I am sure, we can all remember what that is like. However, this is part of a larger picture.

Recently, a new *Ratio Fundamentalis Institutionis Sacerdotalis* was issued. That is a long name for a document which offers the vision by which Priestly formation is instituted. The emphasis is on ‘*formation*’. That formation for priesthood is based on four pillars: Spiritual Formation, Personal or human Formation, Intellectual Formation and Pastoral Formation. These are the pillars by which we measure growth and the suitability for ordination.

However, the new document made one radical change—it offered a fifth pillar—on-going formation. Previously, on-going formation was seen as something separate: no longer. This is because the newly ordained priest is *not the finished article*. Ongoing formation has been tied into the broader vision of formation as a whole. I am sure that many of you will think, that this is simply CPD (continuous professional development) which is true, if you take CPD seriously. However, the Sacrament of Holy Orders is not a job. It is a lifetime commitment to priestly service. You do not retire from being a priest, and yet, the Church you are ordained into, is not the same as the Church you serve 50 years later. This requires on-going formation.

Priestly life is not about what you do, but who you are. Just as with the Sacrament of Marriage, you either are married or you are not. To be, or not to be. Perhaps we also need on-going formation for marriage. However, the problem with this mindset, if not understood correctly, is that once you are ordained a priest, you are a priest, the finished article. This is true, and it certainly is not true— I am reminded about this every time I get into my car = the last three letters are OGF= on-going formation.

Every priest needs on-going formation and a sense of wonder at the treasury of the Church’s spiritual , pastoral, intellectual and personal life. So please spare a thought for Fr Michael, Fr Tenny and myself. We are still learning!

Canon Paul

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Mass Times and other Services.

16 Sunday of Year A

Saturday	18 th July	6:00 pm	Mass	Rosie Meachin (w)
Sunday	19 th July	8.30 am	Mass	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Mass	Jim Kennedy

Monday	20 th July	NO MASS		
Tuesday	21 st July	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	Special Intention

Wednesday	22 nd July	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	

Thursday	23 rd July	NO MASS		
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Friday	24 th July	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	Dr David A O'Kelly

17 Sunday of Year A

Saturday	25 th July	6:00 pm	Mass	Barbara Head
Sunday	26 th July	8.30 am	Mass	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Mass	Bhavini Nathan

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

Offertory Contactless £ 250.00 Sound System £ 195.00

Website Offertory £ 20.00 Sea Sunday £ 210.00

Total £ 675.00

Standing Orders for June 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:

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Veronica (Jane) De Souza,
Catherine (Kitty) Coombes, Fr. Euan Henderson. **May they rest in peace**

Liturgical Responses

Readings:

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

Entrance antiphon:

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with
willing heart, and praise your
name, O Lord, for it is good

Response to the Psalm:

O Lord, you are good
and forgiving

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:

6 Monthly Viewing Figures

5,252 Views
36 Countries

January

1,049 Views.
19 Countries.

February

885 Views.
17 Countries.

March

947 Views.
17 Countries.

April

731 Views.
19 Countries.

May

774 Views.
13 Countries.

June

821 Views.
19 Countries.

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 their 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.

Little Heart Volunteer Treasurer needed.

Sacred Heart Preschool is looking for a volunteer Treasurer to join their committee and help ensure the preschool can continue to provide high-quality early years education for our children before they move to primary school. If you are interested, please contact the Preschool Office or Sabrina— b.novella.sabrina@gmail.com

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

Welcome, Fr Tenny

Today we welcome Fr Tenny, who will celebrate all the Masses this weekend, before travelling to India to visit his extended family.

Fr Tenny's Vestments

As we welcome our new priest, the second collection today will be for Fr Tenny's new vestments. Please both machines in the Church or this QR code



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 **£ 3,129.00**. Thank you for your support.



Thursdays at Three Tea/Biscuits & Chatter

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

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>

To add gift aid: to your credit or debit card all you have to do is press the button on the right, in blue, then press next and fill in your email address and details.

Online Offertory Donation:

You can donate from our website

Or use this QR code



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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