

Hymn 694
All Creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:

*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice:

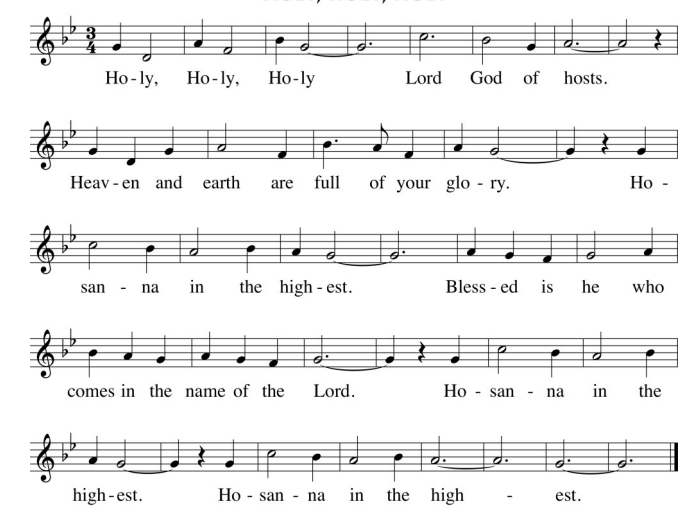
Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light:

Hymn 938
Soul of my Saviour
Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide
Wash me with water, flowing from thy side

Strength and protection may thy passion be
O Blessed Jesus hear and answer me
Deep in thy wounds Lord, hide and shelter me
So shall I never, never part from thee

Guard and defend me from the foe malign:
In death’s dread moments make me only thine
call me, and bid me come to thee on high,
When I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

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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Hymn 694 cont
Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow
Let them his glory also show.

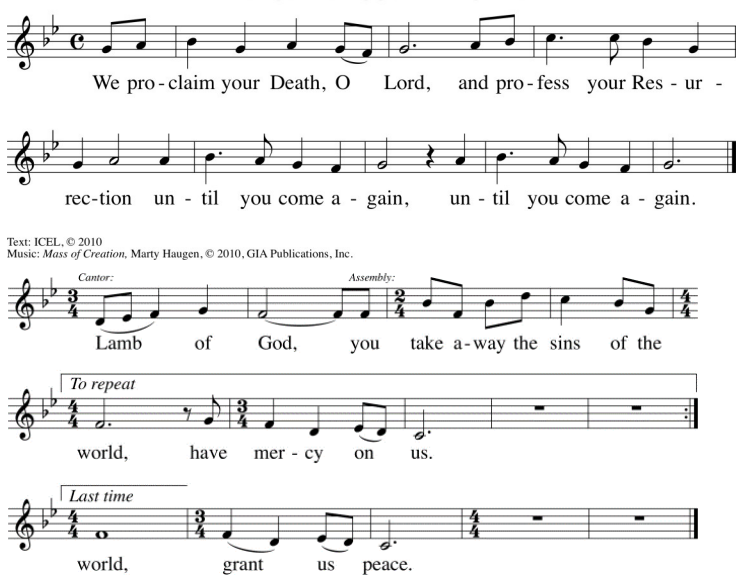
*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care:

And thou, most kind and gentle death,
Waiting to hush our latest breath,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou leadest home the child of God,
And Christ our Lord the way hath trod:

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.

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, *Assembly:* 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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Assistant Priest	Fr Tenny Antony STB
Safeguarding Rep:	David Connolly
Parish Secretary:	Sarah Harris (Wed- Fri 9—1pm)

Reflections on Priestly Life.

The vocation within the vocation.

From an early age, I felt called to be a priest, and every day, I get up eagerly and happily to follow my vocation. Being a Priest is the most fulfilling role anyone could wish for. After six years of formation, (and seven years for Fr Tenny—as they have added a year, since I was ordained—I was delighted to be ordained, and then I looked forward to the best bit—becoming a Parish Priest five years later. I am sure that Fr Tenny, might have a similar hopes: he knows that he will be an assistant for five years, with two placements, and then he can look forward to having his own parish.

However, when I was ordained no-one mentioned ‘*the vocation within the vocation*’, and I wouldn’t have understood this concept at the time. Each Parish Priest is like a GP—they exercise ‘*general practice*’, they do everything but do not specialise. However, today Priests are encouraged to discover what they enjoy most and where their talents lie, e.g., working with young people, schools, catechesis and sacramental preparation, hospital ministry, prisons, parish ministry, preaching, building projects, and much more. For 2+ years, I was a full time hospital chaplain, and did that role alone. Fr Tenny will be encouraged to learn many of these skills, but he will have special concern for young people, schools, catechesis and sacramental preparation.

Not every priest is a parish priest and sometimes you can step into and out of that role, or do two roles at the same time. That is because they have discovered ‘the vocation within the vocation’. For me that can be summed up as ‘sacred scripture’. I have taken further studies in Sacred Scripture, (in Leuven in Belgium) so that I can teach in the Seminary, and for ten years, I was not a parish priest, but a member of the Seminary Staff, and now I am doing both roles. My vocation within the vocation is to teach in the seminary, one day a week. Fr Michael Doyle was for many years a practising clinical physiologist, following training in Rome and California, and he has worked in several different roles, especially in seminaries, to offer the personal and emotional skills that are required today, or to flag it up when they are missing. Canon Joe McLoughlin at St. Anne’s Caversham, is a Canon Lawyer. His vocation within a vocation, is to run the marriage tribunal, which oversees the annulment process.

The best role in the priesthood is still that of a Parish Priest. Fr Tenny will be encouraged to grow in experience and enjoy ‘general practice’ and out of this we shall see where his strengths lie, and then he can be encouraged to discern his ‘vocation with a vocation’ probably something that no one has mentioned to him as yet.

Canon Paul

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Live Streaming: <https://www.mcn.live/Camera/sacred-heart-catholic-church>

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Mass Times and other Services.

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
Monday	27 th July	NO MASS		
Tuesday	28 th July	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	
Wednesday	29 th July	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	
Thursday	30 th July	NO MASS		
Friday	31 st July	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	Graham & Eijkenboom Family

18 Sunday of Year A

Saturday	1 st August	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday	2 nd August	8.30 am	Mass	
		10:30 am	Mass	P & D Fitzpatrick

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

Offertory Contactless £ 290.00 Fr Tenny Vestment £ 945.00

Website Offertory £ 15.00

Total £ 305.00

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: **Barbara Gallen**

Anniversaries that occur at this time: Maureen Marsh

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:

Kings 3:5-6, 7-12
Psalm 119:57,72,76-77,127-128,129-130
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 11:25-30

Entrance antiphon:

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those
who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might
and strength to his people

Response to the Psalm:

O Lord, how I love your law!

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]



Mass at Culham Sunday 26 July at 6.30pm

Mass is held in the Chapel of Christ the Redeemer at Culham on the last Sunday of each month at 6.30 pm, and at 12.00 noon on Holidays of Obligation. Please contact the Secretary if you would like to attend:

admin@culhamchapeltrust.org

Parish News

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.

Church Cleaning

This Thursday at 10.00am
All welcome. Just turn up

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

Please remember in your prayers **Barbara Gallen** who has died. Her funeral will be at St. Anne's Caversham, this Friday 31 July. *Lord grant eternal life to this our sister, in the company of the saints.*

We welcome Fr Colin

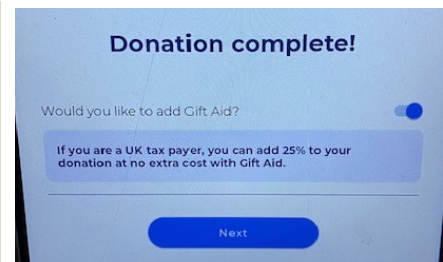
You know the summer is here when Fr Colin arrives from Australia. Fr Colin is a passionate bell-ringer and will be visiting the bell towers throughout South Oxfordshire and beyond in the coming weeks. He will be with us until the first week of September, when he goes back into exile.

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. **Use this QR code**



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. **You only have to do this once.**



Interested in becoming a Catholic ?

If you would like to know more about the Catholic faith, or are interested in becoming a Catholic, do contact us.

Fr Tenny will be running a course in the autumn. If you are interested, please contact the parish office, or Canon Paul

Volunteers

We welcome:

Sacristan help.

Readers

Altar Servers

Flower arrangers

Someone to pop into the Parish Hall, occasionally.

Thursdays at Three Tea/Biscuits & Chatter

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

Online Offertory Donation:

You can donate from our website

Or use this QR code

