

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 795
I heard the voice of Jesus say ‘Come unto me and rest;
lay down, you weary one, lay down
your head upon my 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.

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,
‘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.

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 631
Bread of Life, Truth eternal
Chorus: *Bread of Life, Truth eternal,
Broken now to set us free,.
The risen Christ, his saving power
Is here in bread and wine for me.*

Lord, I know I am not worthy to receive you.
You speak the words and I am healed.
Here at your table love’s mystery,
One bread, one cup, one family.

Lord, by your cross you reconciled us
To the Father, we have only to believe.
Your sacrifice, our victory;
Now by your blood we are redeemed.

Lord, you gave your people manna in the desert;
Still you fulfil our every need.
Lord, when we hunger, Lord when we thirst,
We come to you and we receive

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.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer - cy on us.
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.

Many priests are becoming more ‘religious’.

One of the greatest contrasts between priests is that between ‘secular and religious’, although we don’t use that term today, as it suggests some know nothing of the world, while others are not religious. I mean the contrast is between those priests who are part of a religious order and those who are part of diocese. Today we talk of religious congregations, such as the Dominicans, Franciscans, Benedictine Monks, Jesuits, Carmelites etc. who live in community under a superior, or an Abbott; and follow a rule of life, or the charism of their founder. Monks take a vow of stability, while other Religious, especially missionary orders work across the world.

Fr Tenny, Fr Michael, Fr Colin and myself are pastoral clergy, who work as priests of a Diocese. Fr Colin is a priest of Broken Bay Diocese, in Sydney, Australia; Fr Michael is a priest of Westminster Archdiocese, I am a priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Fr Tenny is a Priest of the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Great Britian and is on loan to the Archdiocese of Birmingham. All of us are pastoral clergy, who work in parishes and would not move outside our diocese. However, today the divisions are not as stark. We as diocese are indebted to those religious congregations who run several of our parishes, especially the Missionaries of faith who come from India and the Apostles of Jesus, who come from East Africa, to support the mission of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. In common with other secular priests, I have lived alone for two spells of ten years, and as part of a community for ten years, or with one of two other priests for ten years, sometimes as an assistant and sometimes as the parish priest of one or two assistants.

Pastoral clergy are becoming ‘more religious’ because there is a growing desire to live in small communities, which we have not ruled out in South Oxfordshire. Also the charisms of particular saints or religious orders increasingly shape pastoral clergy; several have close links with Dominicans in Oxford, the Carmelites or Franciscans. This spirituality will form their prayer life, and priorities without ever wishing to join a religious order. Such cross-fertilisation enriches all, and breaks down the barrier between religious and secular.

Canon Paul

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Mass Times and other Services.

18 Sunday of Year A

Saturday	1 st August	6:00 pm	Mass	James Lyons
Sunday	2 nd August	8.30 am	Mass	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Mass	P & D Fitzpatrick
Monday	3 rd August	NO MASS		
Tuesday	4 th August	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	
Wednesday	5 th August	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	Barbara Stitt
Thursday	6 th August	NO MASS		
Friday	7 th August	9:45 am	Morning Prayer	
		10:00 am	Mass	Graham & Eijkenboom Family

19 Sunday of Year A

Saturday	8 th August	6:00 pm	Mass	Rosie Meachin (w)
Sunday	9 th August	8.30 am	Mass	
		10:30 am	Mass	

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

Offertory Contactless £ 327.00 Sound System £ 46.00

Website Offertory £ 535.00

Total £ 908.00

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, Anne Thompson, 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: 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:

Isaiah 55:1-3
Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18
Romans 8:35, 37-39
Matthew 14:13-21

Entrance antiphon:

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

Response to the Psalm:

You open your hand
and fulfil us, O Lord

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! [Sung]

One does not live by
bread alone,
but by every word that comes
forth from the mouth of God
Alleluia! [Sung]

Parish News

Thursdays at Three Tea/Biscuits & Chatter

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

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.

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*

Sacred Heart Primary School — Teaching Assistant Vacancy

Closing date: 16th September 2026 midday Job Start Date: ASAP
Hours: 8:30 – 3:15 (within this you will receive 20-minute rest break in
the morning and 60 minutes lunch break in the afternoon)

Salary Type: Support Staff

Salary Details: Grade 4, Scale Points 4 - 5: up to £19,878 pa pro rata.

Hours of Work: 28.75 hours per week, term-time only.

Contact e-mail: address: office@sacredheart-henley.co.uk

<https://teaching-vacancies.service.gov.uk/jobs/teaching-assistant-sacred-heart-catholic-primary-school-henley-on-thames-henley-on-thames-oxfordshire>

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

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 hear-
ing aid loop.

The cost is circa £9,000, Our an appeal, has now reached
£ 3,175.00. Thank you for your support. **Use this QR code**



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

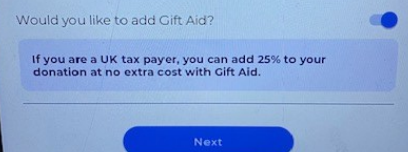
Volunteers

We welcome:
Sacristan help.
Readers
Altar Servers
Flower arrangers

Someone to pop into the
Parish Hall, occasionally.

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.

Donation complete!



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Or use this QR code

