



# CORPUS CHRISTI

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*“May the Risen Lord fill you and your families with his peace, hope, joy and love this Easter Sunday and throughout this wonderful Easter Season”*

*Fr Mervyn*

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## Live-Stream Masses; Public Worship

Year B SUNDAY  
28 March 2021

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[www.st-josephs-pri.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.st-josephs-pri.oxon.sch.uk)

St Gregory the Great Secondary School; 01865 749933.

[www.stgregory.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.stgregory.oxon.sch.uk)

## Easter Sunday

4 April 2021

Corpus Christi 9.00am Bartholomeu Malachy Bohan R.I.P  
**Wheatley 10.30am** People of the Parish  
Corpus Christi 11.00am Dymphna (Mary) Healey R.I.P  
Corpus Christi 6.30pm John Meaden R.I.P

## Weekday Masses:

## Cycle of the Octave of Easter; Breviary Week 1

Mon 5	10.00am	Kate Hunlon thanksgiving (Birthday)	Easter Monday, Solemnity
Tues 6	9.15am	Ken & Claire Sheahan wedding anniversary	Easter Tuesday, Solemnity
Wed 7	9.15am	Metropolitan Chapter	Easter Wednesday, Solemnity
Thurs 8	No Mass		Easter Thursday, Solemnity
Fri 9	9.15am	Bishop Glancey	Easter Friday, Solemnity
Sat 10	10.00am	Lucrecia Pereira R.I.P	Easter Saturday, Solemnity

## Second Sunday of Easter

11 April 2021

Saturday 6.00pm at **OLL, Wheatley** People of the Parish  
Sunday 9.00am Brian de Luc death anniversary  
11.00am Leo, Chris & Samuel thanksgiving Birthday  
6.30pm Catherine (Reenie) Hilland R.I.P

## Polish Masses in Oxford...

... will now be celebrated at Blessed Dominic Barberi, Littlemore.

## Syro-Malabar Masses

A Syro-Malabar priest has been appointed to Oxford and Syro-Malabar Masses are celebrated at Corpus Christi (normally 3.00pm on Sundays).

## Papal Audience, Holy Week

Pope Francis described Holy Saturday as “the day of silence, experienced in weeping and bewilderment by the first disciples, shocked by Jesus’ ignominious death.” He noted that, this Saturday is also “Mary’s day,” as she too lives it in tears, “but her heart is full of faith, full of hope, full of love.” The Mother of God remained at the foot of the cross, with her soul pierced. But when everything seemed to be over, “she kept vigil, she kept her hope in the promise of God who raises the dead.” In the darkness of Holy Saturday, continued the Pope, “joy and light will break through with the rites of the Easter Vigil and the festive singing of the Alleluia.”



**Resurrection**  
Cecco del Caravaggio  
ca. 1620

The painting depicts the moment of the resurrection, described by Matthew 28:2: *There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. And his appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. The guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men.*

## Websites of Interest

[www.corpuschristiheadington.co.uk](http://www.corpuschristiheadington.co.uk)  
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>  
Diocese: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)  
Daily Prayer of the Church: <https://universalis.com>

## PLEASE collect your copy

of The Revised New Jerusalem Bible were ordered last year. Please email [Leti at the Parish Office](mailto:Leti@parishoffice.org), without delay, to arrange to collect your copy. For those wishing to purchase one, the cost is £27.60.



**Click here to make an Easter Offering to Fr Mervyn**

## Scripture Reflection

The Liturgy of Easter continues over fifty days and the Readings of Easter Sunday set the tone for the whole period. Mary of Magdala becomes the Apostola Apostolorum (the feminine Apostle of the male Apostles) as she leads the others to the empty tomb although not yet understanding its significance and its mystery (Gospel: John 20:1-9). Peter, the clear leader of the early Christian community in Jerusalem, proclaims the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus to the first pagans, Cornelius and his household (First Reading: Acts 10:34,37-43). St. Paul sings of the wonder of Baptism, the source of new life (Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4).

**Responsorial Psalm meditation: “This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad” (Psalm 117/118:24).**

<b>Scripture Readings</b>	<b>Monday</b>	Acts 2:14, 23-33, Ps 15, Matthew 28:8-15	<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 3:11-26, Ps 8, Luke 24: 35-48
	<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 2:36-41, Ps 32, John 20:11-18	<b>Friday</b>	Acts 4:1-12, Ps 117, John 21:1-14
	<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 3:1-10, Ps 104, Luke 24:13-35	<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 4:13-21, Ps117, Mark 16:9-15

## Prayer for the Preparation of Mass

God our Father,  
you call us to gather for this Sunday Mass.  
Help us to draw strength  
from the Holy Scriptures and from the Holy Eucharist,  
so that we deepen our love for you.  
May we be enlivened by the Holy Spirit  
to mirror the words and actions  
of your Son Jesus Christ  
and become more clearly  
your instruments of mercy to others.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Parish news



**DONA, a new Contactless unit has been installed in both churches, with Gift Aid facility.**

**To register for Gift Aid donations you must first register your contactless card by making a donation on-line from your computer using the DONA button below.**

- 1 When you click on the DONA button, you can enter the donation (in £) that you wish to make.
- 2 You will then be invited to enter your card details, and confirm the payment.
- 3 You will then be asked if you wish to Gift Aid the donation and to enter your name, house number, post code and email address.

4 Once you have confirmed this, every time you use **the same card** to make a payment using the contactless unit in church, the payment will be automatically gift-aided.

Click this button to make payment and register your card for Gift Aid



### USING THE NEW UNIT IN CHURCH

- 1 Tap on the amount you wish to donate or press CUSTOM to enter a different amount.
- 2 Place your contactless card on the unit to the side, and wait for a beep and a message thanking you for your donation.

**ALL DONATIONS MADE THIS WEEKEND ARE A PERSONAL OFFERING TO FR MERVYN.**

### 2020 Parish Collections down by half

#### How can I increase my Standing Order?

This can be done by adjusting the standing order at your bank which you can do on-line if you have on-line banking facilities. There is no need to contact the Parish first.

## The Oxford Community Emergency Foodbank OPEN FOR FOOD DONATIONS

**Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 11.00am – 2.00pm**

The Food bank is located behind St. Francis Church, Hollow Way, for anyone to deliver donations of non-perishable food/toiletries etc. directly. Thank you to all our supporters from The Community Emergency Food Bank. If you would like to make a financial donation, please go to:

[www.justgiving.com/communityemergency-foodbank](http://www.justgiving.com/communityemergency-foodbank)

## Sacramental Preparation 2021

**Confirmation, all celebrations will be at 6.30pm.**

Monday 17 May

Tuesday 18 May

Monday 24 May

Tuesday 25 May

**First Holy Communion, Year 3+, Sunday, 13 June all Masses.**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

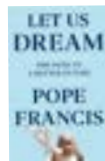
**the sick and the housebound:** Archie Allen, Antony Ayton, Fr. John Baggeley, Patricia Barfield, Margaret Bond, Alan & Rita Booker, Christopher Browne, Pedro Busette, Kumu de Silva, David Diggins, Michael Dolan, Maureen Felix, Philomena Garvey, Yvonne Goonesekara, Antoinette Harvie, Sue Holbrook, Joanne Kay, Mario Kim, Joan Knatt, Theresa Johnson, Cynthia Lobendhan, Victoria Maceda, Carmel McGarry, R. J. Matava, Averil Nathaniels, Melani Parana, Celine Peiris, Peter Perera, Maxwell Rogers, Angela Scott-Smith, Rachel Smith, Alba Thorning, Aileen Vangramberg, Diana Walden, Mary Wallace, Pat Walsh, Liz Ward, Mai Wick, Louise Williams. Erma James, Dorren McDonald. Nalen Vuddamalay.

**those who have died:** T.D John, Philomena Gardner, Catherine(Reenie)Hilland, Teresa Maughan.

**those whose anniversary occurs this week:** James Flynn, Victor Gapay, Peter Gregory, John Meaden, Thomas Mckenna, Sylvester Neil, Deacon Bill Parker, .

[Click here to send names and dates for anniversary section.](#)

**All those in the sick list must actively agree to their inclusion. The prayer list will be reviewed regularly - if names can now come off the list or if new names should be added please send an email to: [corpus.OLL.news@gmail.com](mailto:corpus.OLL.news@gmail.com).**



### In the words of Pope Francis...

Tradition is not a museum, true religion is not a freezer, and doctrine is not static but grows and develops, like a tree that remains the same yet which gets bigger and bears ever more fruit.

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**Christine Allen**  
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I hope you have a restful and joyous Easter.  
May God bless you.

## Cardinal Bo: Easter must start the process of healing Myanmar

Cardinal Charles Bo of Yangon Archdiocese reflects on Myanmar's



ongoing difficult times marked with violent protests in his Easter message for this year. He calls for peace, non-violence and the reinstatement of democratic rule in the light of the hope brought about by Our Lord's resurrection at Easter.

[Click here for full story](#)

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### The Bible Timeline Course

