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

Thank you so much for your Easter Offerings. Fr Mervyn

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Today's Gospel: John 20:19-31

Appearance Behind Locked Doors

DUCCIO di Buoninsegna (1255-1319), Siena



... in the house where the apostles took refuge for fear of the Jews. The door in the centre, firmly shut with a horizontal bar (a detail which emphasizes the miraculous nature of the event), frames and shows up the dominant figure of Christ, towards whom the two groups of apostles are converging.

The Incredulity of Thomas

Caravaggio (1602); Sanssouci Gallery, Potsdam



Thomas's face shows surprise as Jesus holds his hand and guides it into the wound. "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Polish Masses in Oxford...

now at Blessed Dominic Barberi, Littlemore.

Syro-Malabar Masses

now celebrated at Corpus Christi (normally 3.00pm on Sundays).

PLEASE collect your copy

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



Live-Stream Masses; Public Worship

Year B SUNDAY 11 APRIL 2021

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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

Weekday Masses:

Cycle of the Octave of Easter; Breviary Week 2

Mon 12 9.15 am Bishop Glancey

Easter Feria

Tues 13 9.15am Bishop Glancey

Easter Feria

Wed 14 9.15am Kevin Hallington R.I.P

Easter Feria

Thurs 15 No Mass

Easter Feria

Fri 16 9.15am Unemployed People

Easter Feria

Sat 17 10.00am Elbert Rico death anniversary.

Easter Feria

Third Sunday of Easter

18 April 2021

Saturday 6.00pm at **OLL, Wheatley** People of the Parish

Sunday 9.00am Rafael Salomon death anniversary

11.00am John Flanagan R.I.P

6.30pm Benjamin Quiatchon R.I.P

URBI ET ORBI MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

(Click here for full message)

"The Easter message does not offer us a mirage or reveal a magic formula. It does not point to an escape from the difficult situation we are experiencing. The pandemic is still spreading, while the social and economic crisis remains severe, especially for the poor. Nonetheless – and this is scandalous – armed conflicts have not ended and military arsenals are being strengthened. That is today's scandal.

"In the face of, or better, in the midst of this complex reality, the Easter message speaks concisely of the event that gives us the hope that does not disappoint: "Jesus who was crucified has risen". It speaks to us not about angels or ghosts, but about a man, a man of flesh and bone, with a face and a name: Jesus. The Gospel testifies that this Jesus, crucified under Pontius Pilate for claiming he was the Christ, the Son of God, rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, just as he had foretold to his disciples."



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Scripture Reflection

The account of doubting Thomas emphasizes the continuity of the Lord's Risen body with his earthly existence. But along with this, it displays the dynamic of doubt and faith that characterize the life of all disciples and points to the whole purpose of John's Gospel (Gospel: John 20:19-31). The Acts paints a rather idyllic portrait of the early Christians in Jerusalem which has, at its centre, the community (Greek: koinonia) (First Reading: Acts 4:32-35). John talks of the three witnesses – water, blood and Spirit (Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6).

"This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad" (Psalm 117/118:24).

Scripture Readings
Monday Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2; John 3:1-8
Tuesday Acts 4:32-37; Ps 92; John 3:7-15
Wednesday Acts 5:17-26; Ps 33; John 3:16-21

Thursday Acts 5:27-33; Ps 33; John 3:31-36
Friday Acts 5:34-42; Ps 26; John 6:1-15
Saturday Acts 6:1-7; Ps 32; John 6:16-21

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.

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- 1 When you click on the DONA button, you can enter the donation (in £) that you wish to make.
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USING THE NEW UNIT IN CHURCH

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- 2 Place your contactless card on the unit to the side, and wait for a beep and a message thanking you for your donation.



Pope Francis prays for flood victims in Timor-Leste and Indonesia

Pope Francis expressed his solidarity for the victims of floods and landslides that hit Indonesia and Timor-Leste and killed at least 120 people. "I wish to assure my prayers for the victims of floods that have struck Indonesia and East Timor," said the Pope during his weekly General Audience on 7 April. Pope Francis said he invokes the Lord "to receive the dead, comfort their families, and sustain those who have lost their homes."

Several of our parishioners' families have been affected by the recent Cyclone in East Timor. We have made a parish donation to the relief effort in lieu of a Retiring collection.

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. 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

Confirmation 2021 All celebrations will be at 6.30pm.

Monday 17 May

Tuesday 18 May

Monday 24 May

Tuesday 25 May

First Holy Communion 2021: Sunday, 13 June all Masses.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

the sick and the housebound: Archie Allen, Antony Ayton, Fr. John Baggley, Patricia Barfield, Margaret Bond, Alan & Rita Booker, Christopher Browne, Pedro Busette, Kumu de Silva, David Diggins, Michael Dolan, Maureen Felix, Philomena Garvey, Yvonne Goonasekara, 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: Catherine (Reenie) Hilland, Teresa Maughan.

those whose anniversary occurs this week: Elberto Rico, Kevin Hallington, Rafael Salomon, Orlando Libo, Veronica Beddoes Jones.

[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.

Let's think outside the box!



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Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day. Supporters often say: 'It's nice to hear where the money goes.'

In Lent 2018, we featured Marian and her son Svondo (left) in Zimbabwe. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family have survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support."



Cardinal Turkson: Universal health coverage needed to build healthier world

In his message to mark World Health Day, 7 April, Cardinal Peter Turkson, the Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Human Integral Development, describes 2020 as a "watershed" year in which the COVID-19 pandemic "has profoundly affected our lives and our society"

It has also been "harsh on the most vulnerable communities, who are most exposed to the disease, with less chances of having access to quality healthcare services," he says.

Cardinal Turkson underlines, "We are experiencing a crisis, but as Pope Francis recalls, we do not come out from a crisis the same as before, either we come out better or worse." This difficult year, he says, "also reminded us of the importance of human solidarity and the awareness that no one saves him- or herself on their own."

THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE 8 Wednesday evening sessions Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this FREE OF CHARGE, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli.

Starts on 7 April 2021 at 7pm

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