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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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**Live-Stream Masses; Public Worship**

**Year B SUNDAY**  
**2 May 2021**

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**Today’s Gospel: John 15:1-8**

*I am the vine, you are the branches  
 Roof of Apse, Peterborough Cathedral*



The flat roof of the apse has been beautifully decorated from the designs of George Gilbert Scott, the 19th century architect. In the centre is the Saviour in majesty; surrounding Him, in medallions placed among the branches of a vine which clusters over the pale blue ground of the ceiling, are half-figures of the Apostles. The whole is bordered by an inscription: “I am the Vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in Me, the same shall bring forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing.”

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**2 May 2021**

Saturday 6.00pm at **OLL, Wheatley** People of the Parish. Sandra McAvoy RIP  
 Sunday 9.00am Catherine Nicholson  
 11.00am Chico Batista R.I.P  
 6.30pm Leni Tuazon R.I.P

**Weekday Masses:**

Mon 3 9.15am Millicent McNichols  
 Tues 4 9.15am Maria Mesquita + Gabriel dos Santos RIP  
 Wed 5 9.15am Ammar 17th Birthday  
 Thurs 6 No Mass  
 Fri 7 9.15am John O’Shea  
 Sat 8 10.00am Angel Viegas

**Cycle of the weekday Easter; Breviary Week 4**

**Ss Philip and James, Apostles**  
**The English Martyrs**  
**Easter Feria**  
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**Dear The Justice and Peace Group...**

*Each week we will publish messages sent to the Parish Justice and Peace Group from children preparing for confirmation on how they can live wisely and care for the environment.*

**Angela writes:** What I am doing to help change the world is by using a reusable mask as it is environmentally friendly. Secondly, I walk to school so that there is less pollution. Thank you for reading!

**Janet writes:** In my house I am doing lots of things to change the world. This is what I am doing:

- Putting rubbish in the right bin
  - Taking showers instead of baths
  - Not leaving taps running
  - Making things last as long as they can
  - Not constantly buying new things
- Hopefully in the future I will be able to do even more.

**PLEASE collect your copy**  
 of The Revised New Jerusalem Bible

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**9 May 2021**

Saturday 6.00pm at **OLL, Wheatley** People of the Parish.  
 Sunday 9.00am John Corcoran R.I.P  
 11.00am Maureen Niland  
 6.30pm Mariano Da Costa + Mariana Guterres R.I.P

**Pope Francis Teaches: The Family in the light of the Word of God**

In 10 episodes, one each month, there will be a link to a video with the Pope’s reflections and first-hand testimonies of families from across the world on the theme of the family. The initiative is a joint collaboration between the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life and Vatican News, and aims to ‘re-read’ the Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, with the aid of downloadable material prepared for personal and community reflection. Because, as Pope Francis reminds us: being a family is always “primarily an opportunity”.



[Click here to watch the video \(sub-titles in English\)](#)

[Click here to download a guide for personal reflection](#)

**TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE PARISH, PLEASE CLICK ON THE BUTTON BELOW:**

If you pay tax, please register your card for Gift Aid when you make a donation. Whenever you use the same card to make a donation on the new contactless units in church, it will be automatically gift-aided.



**Scripture Reflection**

In the final “I am” statement of John’s Gospel, Jesus defines himself twice after the Last Supper “I am the true vine”. It is a beautiful image of the relationship interrelationship of the Master with his disciples (Gospel: John 15:1-8). The Acts witness to the fact that there was tension between Paul and some of the first Christians and he needed the intervention of Barnabas and some of the other leaders to find solutions (First Reading: Acts 9:26-31). St. John is very clear: words are not enough to be a disciple (Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24).

**Responsorial Psalm meditation: “You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly” (Psalm 21/22:26)**

**Scripture Readings**  
**Monday** 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Ps 18; John 14:6-14.  
**Tuesday** Acts 7:55-60; Ps 30; Matthew 10:17-22  
**Wednesday** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 121; John:15:1-8

**Thursday** Acts 15:7-21; Ps 95; John 15:9-11  
**Friday** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 56; John 15:12-17.  
**Saturday** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 99; John 15:18-21.

## 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

### For the children (and others) to honour Mary in the month of May

This year it is not possible for the children to honour Mary during the month of May by placing flowers at Our Lady's Altar in the Church but it is possible for them to place a potted plant at the Grotto outside the Church. It could be placed there at any time on any day that you are passing by or are able to make a special visit to the Grotto.' *Sr Marie-An*



### 46 Parishioners now registered on DONA - have you registered yet?

**THANK YOU** to the 46 Parishioners who have registered their card for Gift Aid donations using the new DONA system. It is very simple to do this - and we would like everybody to consider registering their cards so that Gift Aid can be collected from the government.

**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.



### 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)

### Polish Masses in Oxford...

now at Blessed Dominic Barberi, Littlemore.

### Syro-Malabar Masses

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

**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.**

### 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.

## 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 Busetto, 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:** Catherine (Reenie) Hilland, Julia Nunes, Sandra McAvoy, Teresa Maughan, Victor Lobo.

**those whose anniversary occurs this week:** Carol Randall, Justito Lara, Philip Stanley Coogan.

[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).**

## Covid-19 in India: CAFOD is responding to the deadly second wave. Please help if you can.

India is facing a devastating second wave of coronavirus. The country has confirmed more than 16 million cases and more than 200,000 deaths, with some reports concerned that the number of deaths is just the tip of the iceberg, because of under reporting.



[Click here to donate](#)

The pandemic has put a strain on the medical infrastructure of the country, with hospitals unable to cope with the influx of patients. CAFOD has already pledged £200,000 to our partners Caritas India. They will be distributing medical kits and setting up temporary treatment centres as well as providing PPE to frontline health workers. We are also helping families to provide home-based care for mild cases, raising awareness of the vaccine, and how to avoid further spread of the virus.

**Join CAFOD supporters for a special Mass  
to pray for the people of India  
on Friday 7 May at 6.30pm**

[Click here to register for the Mass which will be  
celebrated on-line](#)

## Friends of the Holy Land Appeal

**"It's an unprecedented crisis..."**



**Parents do not have work to pay their school fees.  
In 24 years of working in schools, I have never faced  
such a situation."**

Suhail Diabes, principal at the Latin Patriarchate School in Beit Jala (near Bethlehem)

[Please click here to donate](#)