



CORPUS CHRISTI

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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 10:11-18

*Jesus, The Good Shepherd
Catacomb of St Callisto, 3rd Century*



The image of the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for his sheep, is found in today's Gospel. Painted on the walls of the St. Callisto catacomb in Rome, sometime in the middle of the 3rd century, is an image of Jesus carrying a sheep across his shoulders. From a time when it was illegal to create more explicitly Christian art, the mural offers a window into the faith of early Christians.

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-Ann*



Live-Stream Masses; Public Worship

Year B SUNDAY
25 April 2021

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St Joseph's Primary School; 01865 763357. www.st-josephs-pri.oxon.sch.uk
St Gregory the Great Secondary School; 01865 749933. www.stgregory.oxon.sch.uk

Fourth Sunday of Easter

25 April 2021

Retiring collection this weekend ON DONA for CLERGY TRAINING FUND

Saturday 6.00pm at OLL, Wheatley People of the Parish. Tom Lafferty RIP.
Sunday 9.00am Domingos M de Araujo R.I.P
11.00am Luiza Monis de Araujo R.I.P
6.30pm Nguyen T Hue, Nguyen N Dung and Ngo V Vuong + family.

Weekday Masses:

Cycle of the weekday Easter; Breviary Week 4

Mon 26 9.15am Thanksgiving Easter Feria
Tues 27 9.15am Gretta Guy RIP Easter Feria
Wed 28 9.15am The Lapage Family Easter Feria
Thurs 29 No Mass St Catherine of Siena
Fri 30 9.15am with St. Joseph's School. Emma V Spyk & Family. Easter Feria
Sat 1 10.00am Alberto Mabanta R.I.P. Easter Feria

Fifth Sunday of Easter

2 May 2021

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

Retiring Collection - see overleaf for how to pay on DONA

Pope Francis teaches: vocal prayer is a sure way speak with God

Pope Francis reflected on the importance of vocal prayer in his catechesis during Wednesday's General Audience. "Prayer is dialogue with God. For human beings, prayer becomes word, invocation, hymn, poetry"

The importance of words The Holy Father's catechesis began with a reflection on words, which not only proceed from us, but also "to some extent shape us." In the Bible, words bring everything to light, ensuring that "nothing human is excluded, censored."

The surest way to pray to God Pope Francis noted that "the first human prayer is always a vocal recitation. The lips always move first." While recognizing that prayer does not consist in simply repeating words without meaning, he nonetheless insisted that vocal prayer is the "surest" means of speaking with God. Feelings, he said, can be uncertain and unpredictable, as can the graces that come from prayer. At times, the mysterious "prayer of the heart" can be lacking. Vocal prayer, however, "can always be practised" and is necessary, even when our feelings are confused.



PLEASE collect your copy

of The Revised New Jerusalem Bible from the Parish Administrator, Leti, in the Office

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

The whole of John Chapter 10 is about Jesus the Good Shepherd. The extract today has Jesus stating twice "I am the Good Shepherd", the first time because he lays down his life for the sheep, the second because he knows them (Gospel: John 10:11-18). Peter, in his speech after the healing of the man at the Golden Gate, uses Psalm 118:22, a favourite in the New Testament. Jesus, rejected, is the corner stone (First Reading: Acts 4:8-12). John emphasizes the immense love of God (Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: "The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone" (Psalm 117/118:22).

Scripture Readings	Monday	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 41-42; John 10:1-10	Thursday	1 John 1:5-2:2; Ps 102; Matthew 11:25-30
	Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 86; John 10:22-30	Friday	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2; John 14:1-6
	Wednesday	Acts 12: 24-13:5; Ps 66; John 12:44-50	Saturday	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 97; John 14:7-14

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



MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 2021 WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS (25TH APRIL 2021)

Today is **Vocations Sunday** - [click here](#) to read Pope Francis's letter, adapted for young people, *St Joseph: the Dream of Vocation*. Pope Francis focuses on three key words: Dream, Service, Fidelity.

Second Collection for Clergy Training Fund

First or Second Collection on DONA

You can donate on-line or on the unit in church to either **Main Collection** or **Clergy Training Fund**. Click or tap on the appropriate button.

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What's your donation for?

Main Collection

Clergy Training Fund

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.



MAKE A DONATION ON LINE

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



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PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CARD FOR GIFT AID ON YOUR COMPUTER AT HOME, NOT ON THE UNIT IN CHURCH WHICH TAKES TOO LONG AND MAY CAUSE A QUEUE.

- 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.

Thank you from the flood victims of Timor Leste:

The Community in Dili have sent their thanks to "Familia Ingreja Corpus Christi" - the Parish Church of Corpus Christi - for their generous donation.



Please see more photos in the Corpus Christi Entrance.

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 Goonesekera, 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: Julia Da Conceicao Nunes, Catherine (Reenie) Hilland, Teresa Maughan

those whose anniversary occurs this week: Gretta Guy, Ronald Langley, Margaret Patridge.

[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.

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.

Blessed Carlo Acutis: Five Steps to Being a Saint

Mgr Anthony Figueiredo



[Click here more details and to order](#)

A beautiful new book on the life of Carlo Acutis, the IT enthusiast who died at just 15 years old but lived his life for Christ. Richly illustrated with photographs of Blessed Carlo and with a great selection of his sayings, this is an ideal introduction to a wonderful life.

ISBN: 9781784696528; £5.95 + £1.95 p&p

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

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 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

[Click here for Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org](http://www.comeandsee.org)

