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Year B SUNDAY
20 June 2021

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TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

20 June 2021

Saturday 6.00pm at OLL, Wheatley People of the Parish
Sunday 9.00am Olivia Thurban RIP
11.00am Henrique Mota RIP
6.30pm Janet Eaglesfield RIP

Weekday Masses:

Cycle of the weekday ; Breviary Week 3

Mon 21	9.15am	Julia Nunes RIP	St Aloysius Gonzaga
Tues 22	9.15am	Mateus da Costa + Baby Angel RIP	SS John Fisher & Thomas More
Wed 23	9.15am	Stanley Gonzalves	Feria
Thurs 24	No Mass		Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist
Fri 25	9.15am	Luisa Moniz de Araujo RIP	Feria
Sat 26	10.00am	Joao Baptista R.I.P	Feria

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

27 June 2021

Saturday 6.00pm at OLL, Wheatley People of the Parish
Sunday 9.00am Hilda Harte
11.00am Joan Doherty R.I.P
6.30pm Rodney McNally R.I.P

Pope Francis: On the Cross, Jesus prayed for each of us.

At the General Audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis concluded his catechesis on "prayer," focusing on the priestly prayer of Jesus. He said "the most beautiful thing to remember" is "the grace that we do not only pray, but that, so to speak, we have been 'prayed for,' we have already been received in Jesus's dialogue with the Father, in communion with the Holy Spirit."

Although Jesus prayed throughout His earthly life, His prayer became even more intense in the days and hours leading to His Passion and Death, the "central core" of the Christian proclamation, which shed light on the whole of Jesus' life. "In the last days of His final Passover, we find Jesus fully immersed in prayer": In the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, where He confidently addressed God as 'Abba, Father'; and on the Cross, where once again He calls on God the Father. On the Cross, said Pope Francis, "the gift of the Father is accomplished — our salvation is accomplished." When Jesus cried out to God on the Cross, saying, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit, he offered everything. Jesus prayed for everyone, He also prayed for me, for each one of you. Each one of us can say: 'Jesus prayed for me on the Cross.' We are never alone.

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The Lord of the Storm Mark 4, 35-41



Rembrandt; 1633. Stolen from Gardner Museum Boston Massachusetts

Rembrandt's Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee is his only painted seascape. The panic-stricken disciples struggle against a sudden storm, and fight to regain control of their fishing boat as a huge wave crashes over its bow, ripping the sail and drawing the craft perilously close to the rocks in the left foreground. One of the disciples succumbs to the sea's violence by vomiting over the side. Amidst this chaos, only Christ, at the right, remains calm, like the eye of the storm. Awakened by the disciples' desperate pleas for help, he calmed the fury of wind and waves and then rebuked them: "Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?" *If you know the whereabouts of this painting, there is a \$10 million reward for its recovery.*

All Polish Masses in Oxford will now be celebrated at Blessed Dominic Barberi, Littlemore.

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

Now Available

The Revised New Jerusalem Bible has arrived. Please collect your copy now priced £30.

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Scripture Reflection

Jesus has been sitting in a boat on the lake whilst teaching his parables connected with seed and growth. Now the Lord deliberately tells his disciples to go to the other side of the lake and in doing so they encounter the storm. Even at this relatively early stage in the Galilean ministry, there is a proclamation of the true nature of Jesus, the Lord of creation (Gospel: Mark 4:35-41). In all the turmoil that Job suffers, his final peace comes from the Lord proclaiming that He is in absolute control (First Reading: Job 38:1, 8-11). Paul urges the Corinthians to realize the newness of life in Christ (Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: "Let them thank the Lord for his love, for the wonders he does for all" (Psalm 107:31).

Scripture Readings	Monday Genesis 12:1-9; Ps 32; Matthew 7:1-5	Thursday Isaiah 49:1-6; Ps 138; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66,80.
	Tuesday 2 Maccabees 6:18,21,24-31; Ps 30; Matth 24:4-13	Friday Genesis 17:1,9-10,15-22; Ps 127; Matthew 8:1-4.
	Wednesday Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Ps 104; Matthew 7:15-20	Saturday Genesis 18:1-15; Luke 1:46-55; Matthew 8:5-17.

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

News from Maryvale Institute

Exclusive Scholarship Offer for 2021-22

Ecclesiastical Bachelor of Divinity Applicants:

Maryvale Institute is delighted to announce a scholarship opportunity open to all applying to join the Ecclesiastical Bachelor of Divinity (BDiv) course (validated by Faculté Notre-Dame in Paris under the authority of the Holy See) at Maryvale for academic year 2021-2022. This scholarship is worth 50% off first year fees and is open to anyone applying to begin the programme in the forthcoming academic year. [Click here for further information.](#)

The deadline for scholarship applications is Monday 19 July.

[Click here for video:](#) Why Sr Carino chose The Ecclesiastical Bachelor of Divinity at Maryvale.

Prayer for Diocesan Vision - click here to pray with Archbishop Bernard.

Spirit of God, descend on me this day.
Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me,
the Spirit of hope to inspire me,
the Spirit of love to surround me and
the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path.



Holy Spirit, I pray for a new outpouring of your grace,
so that I may grow in worship of your name
in love of you in my prayer
and in my actions towards others.

Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me.
Strengthen and defend me,
so that I may be drawn ever closer to you.
Help me this day and always to be a channel of grace in all I say
and do and invite others into relationship with you. **Amen**

Archbishop Bernard Invites us to participate in a survey to discover what effect the pandemic has had on local Catholics, and how the Church has responded with the light of Christ to so many in difficult situations.

[Click here to take the Survey - Select Birmingham from the drop-down list of dioceses.](#)



Share your Experience

Did G7 leaders 'waste opportunity' to put world on track for recovery from pandemic at Cornwall summit?

[Click here to read report from CAFOD](#)

[Click here to urge Prime Minister to put people hardest hit at the heart of COP26 climate talks - sign petition](#)

Dear The Justice and Peace Group...

Children preparing for confirmation told us how they try to live wisely and care for the environment. **Eryxson writes:**

What I'm doing to help change the world is to pray to God to help save the world from pollution and deforestation. Because it affects the world. We need to speak up to be heard and to make actions by research to make our planet safe. Be responsible enough to reduce waste and find ways to donate to help create a better world. ease think about the health of our Earth and make an action about it.

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 Goonsekara, 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. Dorren McDonald. Nalen Vuddamalay, Michael Kenworthy-Browne .

those who have died: Veronica Jatugbe Atayi, Gary Price, Janet Eaglesfield
Those whose anniversary occurs this week: Philip Wales, Margaret Caughan.

[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.

Parish Pastoral Council: We were preparing to re-form the PPC last March 2020 but then the series of lockdowns and restrictions began. Now we seem to be emerging from this period, it is time to go ahead with our plans. If you would be interested and willing to help discern the needs, priorities and mission of our parish by being on the new PPC, please contact Fr. Mervyn. It would be good if we could mirror the diversity of our parish on such a council. We need about 12 parishioners and there are four major meetings per annum.

School Governors: if anyone would be interested and willing to become a school governor – a crucial way to help in any school to further the education and well-being of the staff and students – would she/he please contact Fr. Mervyn.

NEW! Women in Scripture

A new podcast celebrates the lives and influence of women in scripture, some of the greatest women of all time.



Natalie Orefice, Advisor for Parish Evangelisation at the Archdiocese of Birmingham presents a monthly podcast with dynamic women from across the Diocese, each focussing on a different woman in the Bible.

It aims to ask and answer who they are and what they can teach us today. Each podcast will be accompanied by extra reading and resources for those who hunger for more. The podcast is part of the God Who Speaks initiative, helping to deepen our faith and love of the scriptures.

First Podcast : Listen to Anne Smith on Ruth in the Bible.

[Click here for link](#)

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.

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www.justgiving.com/communityemergency-foodbank

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