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Pope Francis Prayer Intention

July 2021:

*We pray that, in social,  
economic and political  
situations of conflict, we may  
be courageous and passionate  
architects of dialogue and  
friendship.*

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## Live-Stream Masses; Public Worship

Year B SUNDAY  
18 July 2021

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St Joseph's Primary School; 01865 763357.

[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)

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

18 July 2021

Saturday 6.00pm at OLL, Wheatley People of the Parish

Sunday 9.00am

11.00am Jose Galucho + Gaspar Soares & Family

6.30pm Nelia Martins Madeira RIP

## Weekday Masses:

Cycle of the week B; Breviary Week 4

Mon 19 9.15am Fr Joseph Tynan RIP

Feria

Tues 20 9.15am Mr & Mrs Connely

Feria

Wed 21 10.00am Mass with St Joseph's School Int: Judith Lea RIP

Feria

Thurs 22 No Mass

St Mary Magdalene

Fri 23 9.15am Annual Mass for Benefactors.

St Bridget

Sat 24 10.00am Mariuccia Cutazzo RIP

Feria

11.30am & 1.30pm Marriages

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

25 July 2021

Saturday 6.00pm at OLL, Wheatley People of the Parish

Sunday 9.00am Luisa Moniz de Araujo R.I.P

11.00am Annual Mass for our Parish

6.30pm Mayella Hayman R.I.P

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

**Syro-Malabar Masses** are celebrated at Corpus Christi (normally 3.00pm on Sundays).



## NEWS FROM THE VATICAN

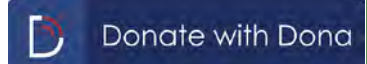
### Economic pressure must not compromise essential healthcare service

Pope Francis shared that during these days in the hospital he has experienced personally the importance of good health care, accessible to all. He stressed that "This precious benefit must not be lost. It needs to be kept!". This requires the commitment of all, he noted, "because it helps everyone and requires everyone's contribution". The Pope noted that economic pressures should not compromise the ability to provide essential healthcare service.

**Click here for the Pope's Prayer July Intention that** *in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship, against polarization and populism.*

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Thursday is the Feast of  
ST MARY MAGDALENE



Giovanni Girolamo Savoldo, 1480-1548  
National Gallery

In 2016, Pope Francis raised the celebration of the memorial of St. Mary Magdalene (July 22) to a liturgical Feast. Mary Magdalene was the first witness to the Resurrection, and is the one who announced the event to the Apostles. She was referred to as the "Apostle of the Apostles (Apostolorum Apostola) by Thomas Aquinas, since she announced to them the Resurrection, and they, in turn, announced it to the whole world. Margaret Hebblethwaite has written a fascinating account of the Apostle to the Apostle in this week's Tablet.

**Click here to read more.**

## Bibles Now Available

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

## Click here to email the Newsletter

If you have suggestions for improving the newsletter - or items that you think could be included, please send them: [corpus.OLL.news@gmail.com](mailto:corpus.OLL.news@gmail.com)

## Scripture Reflection

Jesus is clearly concerned about his disciples not having rest but he himself carries on with teaching even when he has led them away. Mark uses the favourite image of the good shepherd to describe the Lord (Gospel: Mark 6:30-34). This mirrors texts about good shepherds in the Scriptures, the ultimate good shepherd being God himself (First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6). Paul explains further the unity that Jesus brings between Jews and gentiles (Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18).

**Responsorial Psalm meditation:** "Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose" (Psalm 22/23:2).

**Scripture Readings**  
**Monday** Exodus 14:5-18; Ex 15; Matthew 12:38-42  
**Tuesday** Exodus 14:21-15:1; Ex 15; Matthew 12:46-50  
**Wednesday** Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 77; Matthew 13:1-9

**Thursday** 2 Corint 5:14-17; Ps 62; John 20:1-2, 11-18  
**Friday** Galatians 2:19-20; Ps 33; John 15:1-8  
**Saturday** Exodus 24:3-8; Ps 49; Matthew 13:24-30

## 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

**St Joseph's School pupils call on Prime Minister to tackle the global climate crisis.**

*"We are part of this campaign because we want world leaders to know that taking care of our planet is important - because we only have one earth."*

Between now and November, the CAFOD banner will be unveiled at 15 significant sites across the UK.



## ROOT & BRANCH Inclusive Synod 5-12 September.

**Creating the Bristol Text to Reform** Sun 5 - Wed 8 Sept  
evenings only by Zoom

**Casting Out Our Fear - the Way Forward** Fri 10 - Sun 12 Sept noon to noon  
Live and by Zoom

Penelope Middleboe of our parish has been involved in an initiative to develop discussion in and on the Church today and has helped to arrange this important Synod. It has been approved by the Archbishop; Bishop Declan Lang of Clifton is welcoming this event in his Diocese. The event can be attended in person or remotely and all are welcome.

[Click here for further details](#)

## Celebrating the first ever World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday 25 July



[Click here for message from Pope Francis](#)

Parishes across the Archdiocese are invited to dedicate one of their Sunday Masses to the first ever World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Pope Francis has called for the universal church to celebrate the occasion on Sunday 25 July - the closest Sunday to the memorial of Jesus' grandparents, Ss Joachim and Ann (26 July). The theme 'I Am With You Always' has been chosen to mark the occasion. [Click here for further information.](#)



The Summer Newsletter 2021 is now available...  
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## 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 Uddamalay, Michael Kenworthy-Browne .

**those who have died:** Gary Price, Janet Eaglesfield, Veronica Atayi.

**Those whose anniversary occurs this week:** Joao Pedro Soares, Mariano Soares.

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).

## Maryvale House, Birmingham

The Archdiocese of Birmingham has announced it is considering options for the future of Maryvale House, a grade II\* listed building which is in great need of renovation.

[Click here to read more](#)

## Bishops of England and Wales focus on the environment.

"By our actions, we can mitigate the effects of climate change stop the destruction of habitats and reverse the decline of species worldwide. The way we treat the earth today is already affecting the poorest and most vulnerable in the world and, in time, will affect us all." [Click here find out more.](#)

**Parish Pastoral Council:** 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.

**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.

## 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)

## NEW! Women in Scripture

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

**This month Christine McAteer on ABIGAIL**

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