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Message from Fr Mervyn

"You must come away all by yourselves  
and rest for a while" (Mark 6:31).

I hope that if we are going away for  
a few days, or even on a staycation,  
we obey the command of the Lord  
over the next  
few weeks!

Live-Stream Masses; Public Worship

Year B SUNDAY  
22 August 2021

Monday is the feast of  
St John Wall



St John Wall gives Holy Communion to Lady Jane Yate in the chapel at Harvington Hall

John Wall was born in Lancashire in 1620. His parents sent him, age 13, to Douai College in northern France; from there he went to the English College in Rome and was ordained at 25. He joined the Franciscans and was sent secretly to England to work as a priest in Worcestershire. For 22 years he ministered to Catholics, often using an assumed name to avoid capture. In 1678 he was arrested near Bromsgrove as part of the scare caused by the fictitious "Popish Plot". He was condemned to death at the Worcester Spring Assizes in 1679 and was hanged, drawn and quartered at Worcester on 22 August 1679. In his speech at the gallows he said: "I will offer my life in satisfaction for my sins and for the Catholic cause. I beseech God... to turn our captivity into joy; that they who sow in tears may reap in joy". He was canonised by Pope Paul VI in 1970 as one of the Forty Martyrs.

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[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)

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY

22 August 2021

Saturday 6.00pm at OLL, Wheatley People of the Parish

Sunday 9.00am Lynne Emeny & Anna Panter RIP

11.00am Junior Thanksgiving Birthday

6.30pm Mr & Mrs Lita & Liday Family

Weekday Masses:

Cycle of the week B; Breviary Week 4

Mon 23 9.15am Judith Lea RIP

Feast of St John Wall

Tue 24 9.15am Natalie Lalvani

Feast of St Bartholomew

Wed 25 9.15am Jeanne Croft

Feria

Thurs 26 No Mass

Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi

Fri 27 9.15am Julia Nunes RIP

Memorial of St Monica

Sat 28 10.00am Dr Justin Amery RIP

Memorial of St Augustine

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY

29 August 2021

Saturday 6.00pm at OLL, Wheatley People of the Parish

Sunday 9.00am Thanksgiving

11.00am Kate Gills RIP

6.30pm

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).

Pope at Audience: Are we under the Law or do we live as children of God?

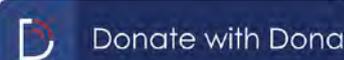


Continuing his explanation of St Paul's Letter to the Galatians, Pope Francis focused on St Paul's understanding of the role of Law for Christians. St Paul "has taught us that the 'children of the promise,' - that is, all of us, justified by Jesus Christ - are no longer bound by the Law, but are called to the demanding life-style of the freedom of the Gospel."

Using St Paul's image of the Law as a teacher, the Pope said that although the Law had a "restrictive" function, it also served to protect and support the people of Israel, "it had educated them, disciplined them, and supported them in their weakness." Pope Francis continued: "when children become adults, they no longer need a guardian. Likewise, once one has come to faith, it is good for us to ask ourselves if we still live in the period in which we need the Law, or if, instead, we are fully aware of having received the grace of becoming children of God so as to live in love." It is a good question, he said, and added a second: "Do I despise the Commandments?" He also gave an answer: "No. I observe them, but not as absolutes, because I know that it is Jesus Christ who justifies me."

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## Scripture Reflection

The final section of the Discourse on the Bread of Life (John Chapter 6) is the reporting of the consequence of Jesus' words - some go away, Jesus repeats his insistence that his words are spirit and life and Peter re-affirms total commitment to the Lord (Gospel: John 6:60-69). A similar commitment to the Lord alone is demanded by Joshua (First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18). St. Paul compares the deep relationship of the Lord and the Church with that of husband and wife (Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: "I will bless the Lord at all times" (Psalm 33/34:1).

Scripture Readings	Monday	2 Corinthians 6:4-10; Ps 125; Luke 18:28-30	Thursday	1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Ps 116; Mark 1:14-20
	Tuesday	Apocalypse 21:9-14; Ps 144; John 1:45-51	Friday	1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Ps 96; Matthew 25:1-13
	Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Ps 95; Matthew 23:27-32	Saturday	1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Ps 97; Matthew 25:14-30

## 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

### Pope prays for peace in Afghanistan

After leading the recitation of the Angelus on Sunday's Solemnity of the Assumption, Pope Francis expressed his concern over the situation in Afghanistan. He asked everyone to unite in praying to "the God of peace so that the clamour of weapons might cease and solutions can be found at the table of dialogue." He said only this way can the "battered population of that country – men, women, elderly and children" be able to "return to their own homes, and live in peace and security, in total mutual respect".

### Are you celebrating a milestone anniversary this year?

#### Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage

St Chad's Cathedral. Saturday 9 October 2021  
12 noon celebrated by Bishop David Evans.

The search is now on to find the longest married couple in the Archdiocese. All couples celebrating a milestone anniversary, from their 1st and every five years up to 60 years, as well as every married year over 60, will be listed in the commemorative Mass booklet. closing date for registration and inclusion in the booklet: Friday 1 October.

**To register your place at the Mass, email your names, anniversary date and year of marriage - [CLICK HERE](#)**

[Click here for further information](#)

**Gift Aid** If you need to know the amount you have given to the Church in Gift Aid for tax purposes, please contact the Parish Gift Aid Organiser, Pat Warnock, who will provide the details - pmwarnock@btinternet.com. Please do **NOT** contact the Diocesan Gift Aid Office. [Click here to email Pat Warnock.](#)

### New Gift Aid Parishioners needed

It is now easier than ever to arrange to Gift Aid your donations to the Parish. If you would like to start a new Gift Aid through a standing order at your bank, the whole process can be undertaken on-line.

Very briefly, if you pay tax the parish can claim an additional 25% on all your donations from the Inland Revenue. So for every £4 you donate, the Parish receives an extra £1 from the tax man. If you pay tax through PAYE, you do not have to tell your employer or fill in any special tax forms. To start the process, please [click here](#) to email corpus.standingorder@gmail.com and you will be sent a form to complete on-line and full information on how to start a new standing order on-line at your bank.

### Women in Scripture Podcast: Hannah



The latest episode of the new Women in Scripture podcast is now **available**. Hilary Rich talks about how Hannah has inspired her - especially when she struggled to have children of her own.

[Click here for all 3 podcasts: Ruth, Abigail and Hannah](#)

### GOOD NEWS!! Collection reinstated in Church The Oxford Community Emergency Foodbank

There is now a box at the back of Church to receive donations of tins of meat, fish, vegetables, soup or puddings, jars of jam or sauce, long life milk or fruit juice, sugar and essential toiletries. Donations at the foodbank:

**Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 11.20am – 1.30pm  
behind St Francis Church, Hollow Way.**

If you would like to make a financial donation, please go to:  
[www.justgiving.com/communityemergency-foodbank](http://www.justgiving.com/communityemergency-foodbank)  
or [click here](#)

## 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, Fr Timothy Radcliffe.

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

**Those whose anniversary occurs this week:** Bridget Low, Maureen Murphy, Margaret Morgan.

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).

**Inter-Religious Dialogue:  
Summer School  
Online, Zoom.**  
‘We are the same, we are different’.  
**20 - 21 - 22 Sept 6.30pm to 8pm**  
Queries and registration,  
please email [ird@columbans.co.uk](mailto:ird@columbans.co.uk)  
Participation is Free of Charge

**Click Here for details**  
**Advance Notice  
Saturday  
11 September 2021**  
**RIDE + STRIDE  
for Churches**

Click for further details and sponsorship form; or contact Veronica Crowdry, Parish Coordinator, through the Parish Office.

## ROOT & BRANCH Inclusive Synod

**5-12 September.**

[Click here for further details](#)

### Calling all altar servers! Proximity:

**A new annual event for altar servers of all ages.**

Proximity will take place in the inspirational setting of St Mary's College, Oscott, our diocesan seminary, on Saturday 2 October. Cost £5.

[Click here for further details](#)

**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 you 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 please contact Fr. Mervyn.

### Have you registered on DONA yet?

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