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Pope's Prayer Intention for September

We pray that we will will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

Tuesday is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Salvador Dali, 'Christ of St John of the Cross' (1951)
Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, Glasgow

Edwin Morgan's Ode to Dali's painting:

It is not of this world, and yet it is,
And that is how it should be.
Strong light hits back and the arms
Coming from where we cannot see,
Ought not to see, another dimension
For another time. At this time, we
Share the life of bay and boat
With simply painted fishermen
Who give no Amen
Even if clouds both apocalyptic and real
Made them look up and feel
What they had to feel
Of shattering amazement, fear,
Protection, and a wash of glory.
Was it an end coming near?
Was it a beginning coming near?
What happened to the thorns and blood and sweat?
What happened to the hands like claws the
whipcord muscles?
Has the artist never seen Grunewald?
'I have to tell you John of the cross called,
Said to remind you light and death once met.'

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- or items that you think could be included, please
send them: corpus.OLL.news@gmail.com

Live-Stream Masses; Public Worship

Year B SUNDAY
12 September 2021

Parish Priest: Rev. Canon Mervyn Tower

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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY

12 September 2021

Saturday 6.00pm at OLL, Wheatley; Terry McDonald RIP

Sunday 9.00am People of the Parish

11.00am Odete Moniz RIP 1st Anniversary

6.30pm Teresa Rodrigues & Maria Pereira R.I.P

Weekday Masses:

Cycle of the year B; Breviary Week 4

Mon 13 10.00am Rosalinda, Victoria, Joan RIP & Family. St John Chrysostom

Tue 14 No Mass Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Wed 15 No Mass. Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

Thurs 16 No Mass Memorial of Ss Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Fri 17 10.30 am Requiem Mass for Manuel Marco RIP Feria

Sat 18 10.00am Faustino Soriano & Fernanda Martins RIP & Family Feria

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY

19 September 2021

Saturday 6.00pm at OLL, Wheatley; People of the Parish

Sunday 9.00am Thanksgiving Feast of Our Lady of Peniafrancia

11.00am The departed souls.

6.30pm Nenita Barin

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

Pope at Audience: Equality in Christ overcomes our differences

In his Audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis reflected further on St Paul's letter to the Galatians and his emphasis on faith in Jesus which has allowed us as children of God truly to become His heirs. Therefore, Christians are to remember with gratitude the moment we became such - the moment of our baptism - "so as to live the great gift we have received with greater awareness."

"The differences and contrasts that separation creates should not exist among believers in Christ," the Pope said. "Rather, our vocation is that of making concrete and evident the call to unity of the entire human race. In this manner, everything that exacerbates differences and causes discrimination no longer has any meaning, thanks to the salvation effected in Christ. Once "faith has come" in Jesus Christ, the Pope noted, "a radically new condition was created that leads to divine son- and daughter-ship." It is not a relationship involving all men and women insofar as they are sons and daughters of the same Creator; rather, faith allows us to be children of God "in Christ." Being Children of God "in Christ" thus, makes a difference, because through Jesus' incarnation he became our brother, and by His death and resurrection, He has reconciled us to the Father. Baptism, therefore, is not merely an "external rite." Rather, those who receive it "are transformed deep within" and "possess new life" which allows them to turn to God and call Him with the name of "Abba, Father." Pope Francis encouraged us to find out our date of baptism and to celebrate it. [CLICK HERE FOR VIDEO](#)

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Scripture Reflection

The Confession of Peter at Caesarea Philippi is a turning point in Mark's Gospel. Having acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, the disciples must now understand what kind of Messiah he is - one who must suffer and die before rising again (Gospel: Mark 8:27-35). The extract from the Fourth Suffering Servant poem talks of the suffering but also the vindication of the Servant (First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9). James insists that faith is not enough - it has to be complemented by good deeds (Second Reading: James 2:14-18).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: "How gracious is the Lord and just" (Psalm 114/116:5).

Scripture Readings
Monday 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Ps 27; Luke 7:1-10
Tuesday Philippians 2:6:11; Ps 77; John 3:13-17
Wednesday 1 Timothy 3:14-16; Ps 110; Luke 2:33-35

Thursday 1 Timothy 4:12-16; Ps 110; Luke 7:36-50
Friday 1 Timothy 6:2-12; Ps 48; Luke 8:1-3
Saturday 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Ps 99; Luke 8:4-5

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



Join our young adult COP26 mobilisation in Glasgow!

[Click here for further details](#)

World leaders, scientists, civil society and activists will be gathering in Glasgow this November to ensure COP26, the UN climate summit, secures urgent climate commitments and action.

CAFOD is looking for 18-30-year-olds from across the Catholic community in England and Wales to join us in Glasgow for our mobilisation over the middle weekend of the COP, 5-7 November.

This is a great opportunity to be involved and make a difference.

Closing date for applications: Wednesday 22 September - Don't delay!

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Afghanistan 2021 Crisis Appeal

CAFOD started working in Afghanistan in the late 1980s and a core part of our work has been to support Afghan organisations committed to improving the lives of vulnerable and marginalised people, supporting them to earn a living. Help us to help the communities in this new emergency.

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
or [click here](#)

Parish Pastoral Council:

Thank you to all who have indicated that they are willing to serve on a renewed Parish Pastoral Council. This will be formed in due time.

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.](#)

Have you registered on DONA yet?

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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 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. Dorren McDonald. Nalen Uddamalaya, Michael Kenworthy-Browne, Fr Timothy Radcliffe.

those who have died: Janet Bianchini, Joaquim Da Cruz, Manuel Marco

Those whose anniversary occurs this week: Odile Hughes.

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.

Archdiocese of Birmingham: Climate Action Meeting Could YOU be a Climate Emergency Ambassador?

The Archdiocese is creating a Climate Action Group to be the antagonists for change in the Archdiocese and in our society. We want to create a network of **climate emergency ambassadors** which reaches every corner of the Diocese, enabling us to share ideas and protect God's creation. The first meeting to share ideas and get feedback is on

Thursday 16 September, 7pm - 9pm, by Zoom.

To register, [click here](#). Zoom link will be given to registrants.

This is the Season of Creation

1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation)
to 4 October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi)

This ecumenical season is dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation. It is a time to renew our relationships with God our Creator, and with all creation, as we join together in prayer. We give thanks for all that God has made, repent for the damage that we have caused and commit ourselves to take action to protect the earth our common home.

[Click here to download the 2021 Celebration Guide](#)

Inter-Religious Dialogue: Summer School

Online, Zoom **'We are the same, we are different'**

20 - 21 - 22 September, 6.30pm to 8pm

Queries and registration, please email ird@columbans.co.uk

[Click here](#) - Participation is Free of Charge

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](#)

Calling all altar servers! Proximity:

A new annual event for altar servers of all ages. Cost £5.

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

[Click here for further details](#)

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.