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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.

Monday is the Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs



A statue of St Andrew Kim Taegon outside Myeongdong Cathedral, Seoul.

For centuries, all contact with foreigners was forbidden in Korea. No missionaries went there. Nevertheless, a number of laymen acquired some books about Christianity, and they were converted. Because of the secrecy involved, it is impossible to date the origin of Christianity in Korea: possibly early 17th century, but the first known baptism is that of Ni-Seoung-Houn, who was baptized under the name of Peter when he visited Peking in 1784.

Over the next century, over 10,000 Korean Christians were executed and many others perished. Andrew Kim Taegon, the first Korean priest, was secretly trained in Macao, entered Korea in 1845 and was executed in 1846, together with his father and St Paul Chong Hasang, a lay apostle, and many others. In all, 103 of the Korean martyrs are celebrated on Monday: they are mostly lay men and women: some married, some not; some old, some young, some even children.

Live-Stream Masses; Public Worship

Year B SUNDAY
19 September 2021

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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

Weekday Masses:

Cycle of the year B; Breviary Week 1

Mon 20 10.00am Josefino boy, Rodolfo Mabanta & Bernard Balquin.

St Andrew Kim Tae-gon

Tue 21 10.00am Julia Nunes RIP

St Matthew

Wed 22 No Mass.

Feria

Thurs 23 No Mass

St Pio of Pietrelcina

Fri 24 10.00 am

Our Lady of Walsingham

Sat 25 10.00am

Feria

12 noon Baptism.

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY

26 September 2021

Saturday 6.00pm at OLL, Wheatley;

People of the Parish

Sunday 9.00am

Luisa Monis de Araujo

11.00am Natalya Ivancikova

6.30pm Victor Quilos, Maria & Nenita RIP

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 Francis bids farewell to Slovakia

Pope Francis has left Slovakia, after his 34th Apostolic Visit abroad during which he visited Budapest, Hungary, for the closing Mass of the 52nd International Eucharistic Congress, before flying to Slovakia, where he visited Bratislava, Šaštín, Presov and Košice.

After Mass at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Šaštín, which was the Pope's final public Mass of the journey, he addressed the faithful in Slovakia, saying "the time has now come for me to take leave of your country". He added that "in this Eucharist I gave thanks to God for having allowed me to come among you and to conclude my pilgrimage in the devoted

embrace of your people, celebrating together the great religious and national feast of your Patroness, the Virgin Mother of Sorrows".

The Pope then offered his heartfelt thanks to his brother bishops "for all of your preparations and your welcome", as well as renewing his gratitude to President of the Republic and the civil authorities I carry you in my heart, concluded the Pope. "Ďakujem všetkým! [Thank you all!]"

[Click here to watch video of Pope's departure from Slovakia](#)

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Fr Mervyn toasts Sr Marie Ann - surrounded by celebratory cakes on the occasion of her Golden Jubilee

Photo: Ruth Tilley

Scripture Reflection

Jesus repeats that he must suffer and die but the disciples still do not understand what this means for them – they must be humble (Gospel: Mark 9:30-37). The author of Wisdom uses the literary device of the diatribe – putting the argument of the opponent before completely destroying it. Here it is the argument of those who argue that might and power will overcome humility (First Reading: Wisdom 2:12,17-20). James teaches that peace comes from within (Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: "I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life" (Psalm 53/54:6).

Scripture Monday

Ezra 1:1-6; Ps 125; Luke 8:16-18.

Thursday

Haggai 1:1-8; Ps 149; Luke 9:7-9

Readings Tuesday

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 18; Matthew 9:9-13.

Friday

Haggai 1:15-2:9; Ps 42; Luke 9:18-22

Wednesday

Ezra 9:5-9; Tobit 13; Luke 9:1-6

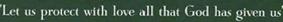
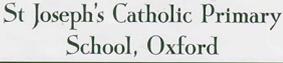
Saturday

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15; Jer 31; Luke 9:43-45.

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





CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day
FRIDAY 1 OCTOBER
Parish Collection will be held
weekend 2/3 October

[Click here for video explaining the Fast Day Appeal](#)

As we emerge from the pandemic, Pope Francis calls us all to "rethink the future of our common home and our common project."

In the last year and a half, the coronavirus pandemic pushed millions of people around the world into poverty and deepened inequality. The poorest and most vulnerable people in the world are also being hit hardest by the climate crisis. The climate crisis will affect each and every one of us. It is a crisis that is damaging our world, our common home, God's creation.

[Click here to donate to Climate Crisis Appeal](#)



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.

[Click here to make financial donation](#)

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.

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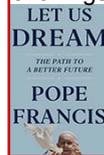
the sick and the housebound: Archie Allen, Antony Ayton, Fr. John Baggley, Patricia Barfield, Margaret Bond, Alan & Rita Booker, Christopher Browne, Pedro Busette, Kumu de Silva, David Diggins, Michael Dolan, Maureen Felix, Philomena Garvey, Yvonne Goonesekera, Antoinette Harvie, Sue Holbrook, Joanne 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. Dorren McDonald. Nalen Uddamalay, Michael Kenworthy-Browne, Fr Timothy Radcliffe.

those who have died: Janet Bianchini, Joaquim da Cruz, Manuel Marco
Those whose anniversary occurs this week: John Studt, N a t a l y a Ivancikova.

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.

Birmingham Justice & Peace Commission, Assembly 2021 Let us Dream: "The Path to a Better Future"

This year's Justice and Peace Online Assembly runs over four evenings, 7.30-8.30pm exploring Pope Francis' book Let us Dream:



Mon 27 Sep: Diocesan Plan for the Environment.

Wed 29 Sep: A Time to See.

Fri 1 Oct: A Time to Choose.

Sun 3 Oct: A Time to Act.

[Click here for further details and to Sign in pages](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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.

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