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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.

**Wednesday is the Feast of Saints  
Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,  
Archangels**



*The Three Archangels with Tobias  
Francesco Botticini c. 1470*

Tempera on wood. Galleria degli Uffizi, Florence

The three Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are the only angels named in Sacred Scripture and all three have important roles in the history of salvation.

Saint Michael is the "Prince of the Heavenly Host," the leader of all the angels. His name is Hebrew for "Who is like God?" and was the battle cry of the good angels against Lucifer and his followers when they rebelled against God.

Saint Gabriel, whose name means "God's strength," is mentioned four times in the Bible. Most significant are Gabriel's two mentions in the New Testament: to announce the birth of John the Baptist to his father Zacharias, and at the Incarnation of the Word in the womb of Mary.

Saint Raphael's name means "God has healed" because of his healing of Tobias' blindness in the Book of Tobit. Tobit is the only book in which he is mentioned. His office is generally accepted by tradition to be that of healing and acts of mercy.

**Next Friday is Harvest  
Family Fast Day (see over)**

**Click here to add your voice  
to petition calling for the  
Prime Minister to show  
leadership in tackling the  
Climate Crisis**

## Live-Stream Masses; Public Worship

Year B SUNDAY  
26 September 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)

## TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY

26 September 2021

**Today: SECOND COLLECTION FR HUDSON'S SOCIETY**

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

Sunday 9.00am Luisa Monis de Araujo

11.00am Natalya Ivancikova

3.30pm Syro-Malabar Mass with Fr Jobin Koshackal

6.30pm Victor Quilos, Maria & Nenita RIP

## Weekday Masses:

Cycle of the year B; Breviary Week 2

Mon 27 8.00am Mrs Ann Ashfield RIP

St Vincent de Paul

Tue 28 10.30am Requiem: Janet Bianchini

Feria

Wed 29 9.15am Maria Socorro & Alfredo Santos & Family.

Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael,

Thurs 30 No Mass

St Jerome

Fri 1 9.15am

St Therese of the Child Jesus

Sat 2 10.00am Julia Dos Santos R.I.P

The Guardian Angels

12 noon Baptism.

## TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY

3 October 2021

Saturday 6.00pm at OLL, Wheatley;

People of the Parish

Sunday 9.00am Janet Bianchini RIP

11.00am

12.00 noon Baptism

6.30pm Jose Valente Belo RIP & Antonio Sarmento.

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

**Pope at Audience: Budapest & Slovakia visit was 'pilgrimage of prayer, hope'**

Pope Francis summarized his visit to Slovakia and Budapest: "I would summarize it as follows: it was a pilgrimage of prayer, a pilgrimage to the roots, a pilgrimage of hope," said the Pope.

The first stage of the journey, to Budapest, saw the universal Church gathered around the Lord's sacrifice.

"They were embraced by the Cross that stood above the altar, showing the path of humble and selfless love, of generous and respectful love towards all, of faith that purifies from worldliness and leads to essentiality." Pope Francis went on to say that his pilgrimage was one which took him "to the roots" of Christian faith and life in the region, which reach back to the 9th century.

"On several occasions I insisted on the fact that these roots are always living, full of the vital lymph that is the Holy Spirit, and that as such must be conserved: not like museum exhibits, not ideologized and exploited out of interests of prestige and power, to consolidate a closed identity."

The third aspect of his Apostolic Journey, said the Pope, was that it was a pilgrimage of hope which he saw in the eyes of young people in Košice, where many young couples with children joined the Pope for a youth encounter. "I saw hope in many people who silently care for and are concerned about their neighbour."

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## Scripture Reflection

Jesus tells his disciples that that they must accept those who are working for him. But he has strong words for those who are an obstacle (the Greek word here is skandalon) to others (Gospel: Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48). Eldad and Medad, despite not being part of the seventy to whom part of the spirit of Moses is transferred, are still prophets (First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29). James is clear that those who rely on their riches and did not help others will reap their just condemnation (Second Reading: James 5:1-6).

**Responsorial Psalm meditation: "The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul" (Psalm 18/19:8).**

**Scripture Readings**  
**Monday** Zechariah 8:1-8; Ps 101; Luke 9:46-50.  
**Tuesday** Zechariah 8:20-23; Ps 86; Luke 9:51-56.  
**Wednesday** Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 137; John 1:47-51.

**Thursday** Nehemiah 8:1-12; Ps 18; Luke 10:1-12.  
**Friday** Baruch 1:15-22; Ps 78; Luke 10:13-16.  
**Saturday** Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 138; Matthew 18:1-5,10.

## 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

### BREAKING NEWS!

#### Archdiocese divests from fossil fuels

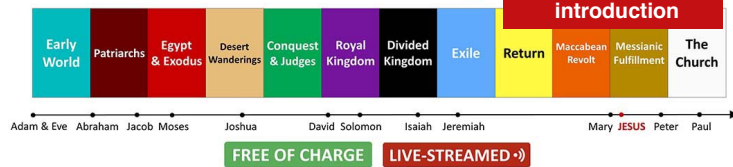
The Archdiocese of Birmingham has divested from companies which extract fossil fuels with immediate effect, cementing its commitment to action in the climate emergency. The Archdiocese has changed its policy to exclude investments in any company which derives more than 5% of its revenues from fossil fuels and is joining the ranks of all those who have committed to attaining net zero carbon emissions by 2030. Divestment in fossil fuels is one of the first steps of many which we will take to ensure that we will not fund the industries which destroy God's creation and impact the poor.

**Archbishop Bernard Longley said:** "Our commitment to divestment in fossil fuels is a response both to the cry of the earth and of the poor, and to the Gospel of Life, taking us one step further towards its consolation."

## The Bible Timeline Course

12 Periods, One Story!

[Click here for video introduction](#)



### What is the Bible Timeline Course?

The Bible can be quite intimidating, due to its size and complexity. Many Catholics long to read the Bible, but they don't know how. The Bible Timeline Study System, developed by Jeff Cavins, uses a phenomenal approach which actually works! It divides the whole Bible into 12 colour-coded Periods, easy to understand and memorise.

**Weekly course begins Wednesday 29 September 7-8.40pm**  
**12 SESSIONS; CLICK HERE to register**

### 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**

**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?

**THANK YOU to those Parishioners who have registered their card for Gift Aid donations using the new DONA system. It is very simple to do this - and we would like everybody to consider registering their cards so that Gift Aid can be collected from the government.**

**To register for Gift Aid donations you must first**



**register your contactless card by making a donation on-line from your computer using the DONA button below.**

## 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 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 Vuddamalay, Michael Kenworthy-Browne, Fr Timothy Radcliffe.

**those who have died:** Janet Bianchini, Joaquim da Cruz, Manuel Marco, Michael Dolan.

**Those whose anniversary occurs this week:**

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).



Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

**CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day**  
**FRIDAY 1 OCTOBER**  
**Parish Collection will be held**  
**next 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 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 HARVEST Climate Crisis Appeal**

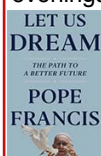


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**Phone: 01865 763357 or CLICK HERE to email enquiry**

### 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**

### 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](mailto:corpus.standingorder@gmail.com) to email [corpus.standingorder@gmail.com](mailto: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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