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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 the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



*The Birth of the Virgin Giotto ca 1300
Scrovegni (Arena) Chapel, Padua, Italy*

Can you see two babies in this famous fresco by Giotto? Did Mary have a twin?

Both babies are depictions of Mary; it was unusual for Giotto to use the technique of painting two images of the same person in a single painting but it was not an unusual technique for artists of that era.

The first baby is Mary wrapped in swaddling clothes after having been bathed by attendants on the floor. Then, after she has been washed, the second baby in the image shows Mary being presented to her mother, Anne, who is lying in the bed.

Live-Stream Masses; Public Worship

Year B SUNDAY
5 September 2021

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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY

5 September 2021

Saturday 6.00pm at OLL, Wheatley;

People of the Parish

Sunday 9.00am

11.00am Chris & Val thanksgiving birthday

6.30pm Michele Alfonso thanksgiving.

Weekday Masses:

Cycle of the year B; Breviary Week 3

Mon 6 9.15am Dimas Palencia

Feria

Tue 7 8.00am Sister Marie-Ann

Feria

10.00am Mass for baby Odie Aberson at **Our Lady of Lourdes, Wheatley**

Wed 8 9.15 am Anne Warnock RIP Anniversary.

Feast of the Nativity of the Bl. Virgin Mary

Thurs 9 No Mass

Feria

Fri 10 9.15am

Feria

Sat 11 10.00am Grzegorz Nieminuszczy

Feria

12.00noon Requiem: Joaquim Da Cruz

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 Rodriques & Maria Pereira 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 at Audience: Take time to reflect on how we live our faith

At the weekly Audience, Pope Francis recalled how the apostle Paul challenged the first Christians of Galatia to look at where they had strayed from their faith and how they risked nullifying the grace they have experienced if they did not correct course. The Apostle used strong terms, like foolishness, to describe their behaviour, because they risked losing their faith in Christ, which they initially received with enthusiasm. The point was to shake up their consciences, the Pope explained, when Paul reminded the Galatians how the word he preached to them focused on God's love, fully manifested in the death and resurrection of Jesus, and the grace they received from that.

In summary, the Pope went on to say, Paul's intention was to compel the Galatians to avoid falling into the trap of a religiosity based solely on the scrupulous observance of precepts, overlooking "the love of Christ, crucified and risen again," which should "remain at the centre of our daily life as the wellspring of salvation".

Similarly, Pope Francis said, we need to reflect on where our faith is, and how we live it; and to make sure that Christ's love remains at the centre of our lives. We must continually keep to this "precious treasure, to the beauty of the newness of Christ," rather than to externals, rather than "something that attracts us momentarily but then leaves us empty inside." He said we can be encouraged by the fact that, "even when we are tempted to turn away, God still continues to bestow His gifts... God does not abandon us but rather abides with us in His merciful love."

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Thank You

Thank you to my amazing 'Corpus Christi Family' for a wonderful Golden Jubilee. Your participation in thanking God for His Love in person, on-line and just by thought. For the contributions to the celebrations after Mass at Corpus Christi and Wheatley, your friendship, cards and gifts. My Superior and sisters in France who joined on-line add their thanks too. It was great that they joined and saw for themselves what I keep telling them - that Corpus Christi is a very special Parish.

Sister Marie Ann

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

Scripture Reflection

The vivid healing of the deaf man with a speech impediment takes place in the Decapolis region - that means a pagan Greek-speaking area. There are no boundaries to Jesus' ministry (Gospel: Mark 7:31-37). Isaiah looks forward to the day when all disabilities will be wiped away - it is symbol of the Messianic days (First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7). James has strong words for those who do not treat others equally (Second Reading: James 2:1-5).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: "My soul, give praise to the Lord" (Psalm 145/146:1).

Scripture
Readings

Monday

Colossians 1:24-2:3; Ps 61; Luke 6: 6-11

Tuesday

Colossians 2:6-15; Ps 144; Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday

Romans 8:28-30; Ps 12; Matthew 1:1-6, 18-23 (Mt 1: 18-23)

Thursday

Colossians 3:12-17; PS 150; Luke 6:27-38

Friday

1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 15; Luke 6: 39-42

Saturday

1 Timothy 1:15-17; Ps 112; Luke 6:43-49

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

Sr. Marie Ann's Golden Jubilee: Thank you to all who helped prepare and celebrate Sister's 50th Anniversary last weekend. Sr. Marie-Claude, the Superior of the Congregation of the Sacred Heart of St. Aubin, has thanked us via Sister Marie Ann "pour les reconfortantes paroles vis a vis notre Congregation et de votre (i.e. Sister Marie Anne's) parcours et presence dans la paroisse" ... *for the warm words towards our Congregation and to Sr Marie Ann's journey and presence in the parish.* See also Sister's words of thanks overleaf.



ROOT & BRANCH Inclusive Synod

This week, 5-12 September.
[Click here for further details](#)

**Ride and Stride is next
Saturday, 11 September**
**Can you help raise how to
raise funds for the historic
churches and the Parish?**



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

CAF+D Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

Pope Francis has confirmed that he will attend the COP26 Climate talks in Glasgow in November, a clear signal to the world about how pressing the climate crisis is for the Church.

Faith in action day

Join the online event on
11 September!

[CLICK HERE to register](#)

Come along to our Faith in Action Day on Saturday 11 September 11am-4pm and learn more about this year's 'COP26' climate talks, Pope Francis's call to action and learn how you can get involved.

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](#)

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.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR...

the sick and the housebound: Archie Allen, Antony Ayton, Fr. John Baggeley, 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 Uddamalalay, Michael Kenworthy-Browne, Fr Timothy Radcliffe.

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

Those whose anniversary occurs this week: Desmond Coveley, Federica Gambini, Odete Moniz, Pamela Deeley, Teresa Mary Walsh.

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.

Pope Francis calls for prayer, fasting for Afghanistan [Click here to read Vatican report](#)

Pope Francis has called Christians to show solidarity with the people of Afghanistan, especially women and children, the victims of violent attacks in recent days. "Let us continue to assist those in need", he says, "and pray that dialogue and solidarity may lead to peaceful and fraternal coexistence."

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](#)

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.](#)

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.