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**Pope's Prayer Intention
for October**
We pray that every baptised
person may be engaged in
evangelisation, available
to the mission, by being
witnesses of a life that has
the flavour of the Gospel.

**Next Friday is the Memorial of
St Teresa of Avila**



Teresa was born in Ávila, Spain (1515) and entered the Carmelites not because of attraction to the religious life but because Carmelite convents were comfortable places. Despite ill-health, she made great progress in contemplative prayer and had a number of mystical experiences, which she treated with great suspicion since she felt that she was not holy enough. But she was feisty too: when, her horse threw her as she was crossing a river, soaked to the skin she looked up to heaven and said, "If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few of them!" When more mature, she sought a more perfect life, and in 1562, in the face of much opposition, she founded a convent of Discalced Carmelite nuns in Ávila, *Discalced* ("shoeless") to show their devotion to poverty. She was canonised in 1622; her writings on contemplative prayer remain significant today and she was made a Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI in 1970, the first of only four women to be so recognised.

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

Help the Editor!

If you have a favourite painting or image which you would like to see featured on the newsletter, please send it with a brief description (ca. 150 words) to corpus.OLL.news@gmail.com

Live-Stream Masses; Public Worship

Year B SUNDAY
10 October 2021

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www.st-josephs-pri.oxon.sch.uk

St Gregory the Great Secondary School; 01865 749933.

www.stgregory.oxon.sch.uk

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY

10 October 2021

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

Sunday 9.00am Marie O'Hanlon

11.00am Antonio da Silva & Rosa Soriano RIP

6.30pm Truck Nguyen & Family.

Weekday Masses:

Cycle of the year B; Breviary Week 4

Mon 11 9.15am Michael Carroll RIP

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Tue 12 8.00am Graham, Carsen and Family

Feria

Wed 13 9.15am Truck Nguyen & Family

Feria

Thurs 14 No Mass

Feria

Fri 15 7.30am Angela Thanksgiving

St Teresa of Jesus

Sat 16 10.00am John Joseph / John Patrick Flavin

Feria

October is traditionally the month of the Holy Rosary.

There is the opportunity after every weekday Mass to come back into the Church to say the Rosary together, a reminder to us all of the beauty and spiritual depth of the Rosary as a constant devotion in the Church.

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY

17 October 2021

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

Sunday 9.00am Jim O'Toole RIP

11.00am Luciana Da Silva & Rosa Da Silva RIP

6.30pm Leticia Clarette RIP (anniv) Timothy Violago birthday

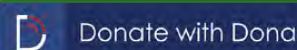
Pope at Audience: True freedom flows from the Cross of Christ

Pope Francis continued his reflection on St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians. Exploring the concept of Christian freedom, the Pope said it is the gift of God based on the truth of Jesus, who revealed the depth of God's love in His supreme sacrifice on the Cross. This freedom is the way to happiness.

We appreciate freedom only when we lose it. For many, freedom is an acquired right. However, Christian freedom, as St. Paul explains, is a gift. He feels pained at seeing Christians who, after having known and accepted the truth of Christ and His liberating presence, move to the slavery of sin and legalism by allowing themselves to be attracted by deceptive proposals. Even Christians today, the Pope points out, seek refuge in legalism and false reasoning.

In order to be truly free, the Pope says, we need to know ourselves not only on the psychological level, but we need to open ourselves to the grace of Christ in the depths of our hearts. Truth must make us restless. However, the Pope says, there are Christians who are never restless, who live the same way with no movement in their hearts. This restlessness, he says, is the sign of the Holy Spirit working within us. It is an active freedom, aroused by the grace of the Holy Spirit. This is why truth must constantly question and make us restless so that we may always go deeper into what we really are. This journey of truth and freedom is an arduous one that lasts a lifetime. It is difficult but not impossible to remain free. He thus urges Christians to take up this journey on which Love comes from the Cross which guides and sustains us. It is Love that reveals the truth and makes us free and happy.

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Scripture Reflection

The disciples constantly need reminding of the consequences of following Jesus. He has already

taught them that he is to suffer and that they must follow this path, but they continually misunderstand. The incident of the man's question "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" and Jesus' reply about giving away everything to the poor leads to his teaching on riches in general. This is completely opposite to an accepted view that riches are the sign of God's favour and blessings (Gospel: Mark 10:17-30). Solomon's prayer beautifully expresses the superiority of Wisdom to all goods (First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11). Hebrews succinctly describes the power of the Word of God (Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: "In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days" (Psalm 89/90:14).

Scripture Readings

Monday

Romans 1:1-7; Ps 97; Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday

Romans 1:16-25; Ps 18; Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday

Romans 2:1-11; Ps 61; Luke 11:42-46

Thursday

Romans 3:21-30; Ps 129; Luke 11:47-54

Friday

Romans 4:1-8; Ps 31; Luke 12:1-7

Saturday

Romans 4:13, 16-18; Ps 104; Luke 12:8-12

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



Next Weekend:

**Friends of the Holy Land
Christmas Cards for sale
after each Mass**



**ACTA National
Conference 2021
16 October, 2021
10:00am - 4.30pm
by Zoom cost: £5**

**Synodality: A Path for Renewing
both the Church and Society.**

ACTA - A Call to Action

[Click here to Register your interest](https://acalltoaction.org.uk) (acalltoaction.org.uk)

Assisted Dying Bill 2021: Novena to St John Paul II

A Private Members Bill on 'Assisted Dying', introduced in the House of Lords by Baroness Molly Meacher, is due its second reading on October 22, which happens to be the Feast Day of St John Paul II.

There will be a national novena seeking the intercession of St John Paul II, to defeat the Bill, which will run from 13th-22nd October. Please join in from home with the following prayer:

The Novena Prayer

Merciful God, we pray with thanks and gratitude for the great spiritual gift of Saint John Paul II's apostolic life and mission. Through his heavenly intercession we ask that the 'Assisted Dying' Bill be defeated and that the infinite worth of each human person is upheld through proper investment in palliative care. Grant also that we may grow in love for You and proclaim boldly the love of Jesus Christ to all people. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary. Glory be...

There will be further digital resources within the next few days. Click here to access them. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues/>



**It's not too late to donate to the Harvest
Family Fast Day Appeal**

[Click here to donate to HARVEST Climate Crisis Appeal
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visits from prospective parents.** Please contact the school office

and we will be happy to answer any questions and arrange for you to visit.

Phone: 01865 763357 or [CLICK HERE](#) to email enquiry

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PLEASE PRAY FOR...

the sick and the housebound: Archie Allen, Antony Ayton, Fr. John Baggle, Patricia Barfield, Margaret Bond, Alan & Rita Booker, Christopher Browne, Pedro Busetto, Kumu de Silva, David Diggins, 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 Uddamalay, Michael Kenworthy-Browne, Fr Timothy Radcliffe.

those who have died: Michael Dolan.

those whose anniversary occurs this week: Adalgisa Knight, Emily Martin, Irene Harrison, John Bullivant, Mary Coffe, Pauline Collette King, Thomas Keating.

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.

"We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert to our children"

Pope Francis and dozens of religious leaders on Monday signed a joint appeal to governments to commit to ambitious targets at the upcoming U.N. climate conference, while promising to do their own part to lead their faithful into more sustainable behavior.

"We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert to our children," said the appeal, which was signed at a formal ceremony in the Apostolic Palace before being handed over to the head of the COP26 conference, Alok Sharma.

For the religious leaders, care for the environment is a moral imperative to preserve God's creation for future generations and to support communities most vulnerable to climate change. [CLICK HERE FOR MORE](#)



Pope's encouragement to the Youth in advance of 36th World Youth Day

Each week we will publish one of Pope Francis's exhortations to encourage youth - click here to read his full message.

- Arise! Testify that you too were blind and encountered the light. You too have seen God's goodness and beauty in yourself, in others and in the communion of the Church, where all loneliness is overcome.

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](#)

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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.

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