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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 Sunday we celebrate  
the Solemnity of All Saints



All Saints (Adoration of the Trinity); Albrecht Dürer, 1511  
Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna, Austria.

Dürer's crowded altarpiece depicts the Trinity, with God the Father holding a crucifix with a still-alive Jesus. Above them, in a cloud of light surrounded by cherubims, is the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove. God the Father wears an imperial crown and a wide gilt cloak, lined in green and supported by angels.

The artist paints a host of male and female saints of Heaven, inspired by Augustine, who are led by John the Baptist and the Virgin Mary, respectively. Below, the human multitudes are divided between religious men and women (left, led by the pope), and laymen, led by the Holy Roman Emperor. A peasant, with one of his tools, represents the poor classes.

## Live-Stream Masses; Public Worship

Year B SUNDAY  
24 October 2021

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**TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY**

**24 October 2021**

**Today is Mission Sunday: the second collection is for APF (Missio)**

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

Sunday 9.00am

11.00am Mauhunu Bulerek Karathayano RIP

6.30pm Truck Nguyen & Family.

**Weekday Masses:**

Cycle of the year B; Breviary Week 2

Mon 25 9.15am Luisa Monis de Araujo RIP

**Feria**

Tue 26 9.15am Judith Lea RIP

**Feria**

Wed 27 9.15am Anita de Araujo & Januario Soares R.I.P

**Feria**

Thurs 28 No Mass

**Feast of SS Simon and Jude**

Fri 29 9.15am Julia Nunes RIP

**Feria**

Sat 30 10.00am

**Feria**

12.00noon Baptism.

**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.

**SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS**

**31 October 2021**

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

Sunday 9.00am Michael Dolan.

11.00am

3.00pm Syro Malabar Community: Rosary followed by Mass

6.30pm

**Pope at Audience: Freedom is born in God's love.**

Pope Francis continued his catechesis on St Paul's Letter to the Galatians by offering a deeper understanding of what is at the heart of Christian liberty. Freedom, he said, is very different from license; it is not found in giving in to our own selfish desires, but instead leads us to serve others. "True freedom," the Pope said, "is fully expressed in love."

For St Paul, love does not mean doing as you please. If we act simply to please ourselves, we find that we are empty inside. Freedom is full and genuine, and involves our real everyday life, only when it is used for the good of others.

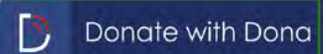
"Freedom guided by love," said Pope Francis, "is the only one that frees oneself and others." In contrast to the modern notion that "my freedom ends where yours begins," St Paul sets Christian freedom, the freedom given by Jesus, that does not involve separating oneself from others, but instead being part of a community. "The social dimension is fundamental for Christians," Pope Francis insisted, adding that "it enables them to look to the common good and not to private interest." This understanding of liberty is especially important in our day, he said, when the pandemic has taught us how much we need one another.

"Let us say and believe that others are not an obstacle to my freedom, but rather the possibility to fully realise it – because our freedom is born from God's love and grows in charity."

**Click above for video of the Pope's General Audience, Wednesday 20 October**



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## Scripture Reflection

It is significant that the prayer known as the 'Jesus prayer' – "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me" – comes originally out of the mouth of the blind beggar Bartimaeus. After at first scolding him, when Jesus calls him, the crowd encourage him. The second prayer of Bartimaeus is also one for all of us: "Master, let me see again" (Gospel: Mark 10:46-52). Jeremiah looks forward to the return of the Exiles, using the commands "proclaim, praise, shout". The announcement of joy cannot be stifled (First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9). Jesus becomes the High Priest through his calling by the Father (Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6).

**Responsorial Psalm meditation: "Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land" (Psalm 125/126:4)**

**Scripture Readings**  
**Monday** Romans 8:12-17; Ps 67; Luke 13:10-17  
**Tuesday** Romans 8:18-25; Ps 125; Luke 13:18-21  
**Wednesday** Romans 8:26-30; Ps 12; Luke 13:22-30

**Thursday** Ephesians 2:19-22; Ps 18; Luke 6:12-19  
**Friday** Romans 9:1-5; Ps 147; Luke 14:1-6  
**Saturday** Romans 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 93; Luke 14:1, 7-11

## 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

### Today is World Mission Sunday...

celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world. It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sister Veronica build peace in Nigeria and share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. Please call 0207 821 9755 (office hours) or [CLICK HERE](#) to visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk)



### Parish Pastoral Council Saturday 6 November 11.30-12.30

There will be a meeting for those who have expressed interest in a reformed Parish Pastoral Council. If anyone else would like to join this, please inform Fr. Mervyn.

**Register for the 2022 programmes** **First Confession & Communion** 12 June 2022 at all Sunday Masses **Confirmation: Saturday 21 May 2022 at 6pm**

If you have a **child in Year 3 or above**, you would like to be prepared to receive First Confession and Communion or a **child in Year 6 or above**, you wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, either complete a form at the back of the church or email the Parish Office [corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk) (click here) and Sr Marie Ann will contact you.

**Women in Scripture:**  
**Two new podcasts**  
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**Episodes 4 & 5**



Listen to Natalie Orefice introducing guest speakers: **Professor Susan Docherty** on **Deborah** (Judges, Ch 4 & 5) and **Sr Anna-Marie O'Connor** on **The Virgin Mary**  
Click here for supporting material: [Deborah in Art](#) [Mary in Art](#)

**ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY, Our Parish School welcomes 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**

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

**- Arise! Uphold social justice, truth and integrity, human rights. Protect the persecuted, the poor and the vulnerable, those who have no voice in society, immigrants.**

### 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**

## 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, 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:**

**those whose anniversary occurs this week:** Gerard Brady, Kevin Breene, Mary Harris.

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).

### Prayer for the leaders meeting at COP26 in November

Working in partnership with CAFOD, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales suggest this prayer of preparation:

**L**oving God, we praise your name with all you have created. You are present in the whole universe, and in the smallest of creatures. We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us as stewards of your creation.

**M**ay the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.

**I**nstil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable, and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.

**W**e ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son.  
Amen

### LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLATFORM [click here to learn more](#)

*"bring the whole human family together... for we know that things can change" (Laudato Si' 13)*

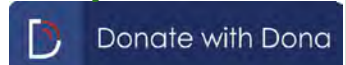
*Laudato Si' calls us toward sustainability in the spirit of integral ecology. With profound care for each other, our Creator, and all creation, we are building a better future together.*



*"...a space for institutions, communities, and families to learn and grow together..."*

### Have you registered on DONA yet?

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### Gift Aid

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### New Gift Aid Parishioners needed

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