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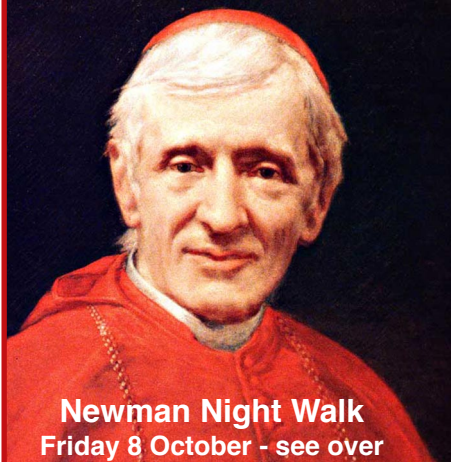


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This Weekend is  
**CAFOD Harvest Family  
Fast Day**  
This year, we focus  
on the environment  
through the climate  
crisis appeal

**Next Saturday is the Feast of St  
John Henry Newman**



**Newman Night Walk**  
Friday 8 October - see over

Saint John Henry Newman was born on 21 February 1801 in London, England. As an Anglican clergyman for over twenty years he won renown as a preacher and theologian. A Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, he became one of the leaders of the Oxford Movement and a prominent figure in the Church of England. On 9 October 1845 he was received into full communion with the Catholic Church by Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Passionist Congregation. After a period of study in Rome he was ordained priest on 30 May 1847. Returning to England he established the Oratory of Saint Philip Neri in Birmingham. He was an influential writer on many subjects, most notably the development of Christian doctrine, the true understanding of conscience, faith and reason, the role of the laity, and university education. In 1879 he was created Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII and given the title of San Giorgio in Velabro. He died in the Birmingham Oratory on 11 August 1890. He was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on 19 September 2010 and canonised by Pope Francis on 13 October 2019.

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

#### Help the Editor!

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### Live-Stream Masses; Public Worship

Year B SUNDAY  
3 October 2021

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[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 SEVENTH SUNDAY

3 October 2021

#### SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

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

Sunday 9.00am Janet Bianchini RIP

11.00am January Soares + Anita de Araujo RIP

12.00 noon Baptism

6.30pm Jose Valente Belo RIP & Antonio Sarmento.

### Weekday Masses:

Cycle of the year B; Breviary Week 3

Mon 4 9.15am Henrique Manuel Mota RIP

St. Francis of Assisi

Tue 5 8.00am Georgekuty RIP

Feria

Wed 6 9.15am Patricia Davies

Feria

Thurs 7 No Mass

Our Lady of Rosary

Fri 8 7.30am

Feria

Sat 9 10.00am Lina Ximenes RIP

St John Henry Newman

### 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 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.

### Pope Francis: A healthy environment is right of every human being

In a video message to participants at the Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) in Strasbourg on the "right to a safe, healthy and sustainable environment" ahead of COP-26 in Glasgow, Pope Francis reiterated his call for immediate action for the care of our common home. He reminded the meeting that the earth "is the greatest resource which God has given to us and is at our disposal not to be disfigured, exploited, and degraded, but so that we can live in this world with dignity." He also referred to *Laudato si'* highlighting the importance of caring for our common home, as "a universal principle that involves not only the Christians, but every person of good will who has the protection of the environment at heart." He said, "when the human being considers himself the master of the universe and not its responsible steward, he or she justifies any kind of waste and treats the other people and nature as mere objects," denying "the fundamental right of every person to live with dignity and to develop integrally." He urged the politicians "to identify, promote and implement, with determination, all the initiatives necessary to build a healthier, fairer and more sustainable world."



### TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE PARISH, PLEASE CLICK ON THE BUTTON BELOW:

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### Scripture Reflection

The question of the Pharisees to Jesus about divorce witnesses to the wide approaches to the subject at the time of the Lord. Divorce (Hebrew: get) was and is still allowed within Judaism, but opinions about grounds ranged from those who argued that it should be granted only for very serious reasons to those who were much more liberal. Jesus cuts through the debate by quoting Genesis (Gospel: Mark 10:2-16). The colourful story of Genesis points to the complementarity of male and female (First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24). For the next seven Sundays, we read extracts from the Letter to the Hebrews. It is a dogmatic treatise about the total superiority of Christ over all the angels and unfolds the reality that he is the eternal High Priest (Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11).

**Responsorial Psalm meditation: "May the Lord bless you in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life" (Psalm 127/128:5).**

**Scripture Readings**  
**Monday** Jonah 1:1-2:1, 11; Jonah 2; Luke 10:25-37  
**Tuesday** Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 129; Luke 10:38-42  
**Wednesday** Jonah 4:1-11; Ps 85; Luke 11:1-4

**Thursday** Malachi 3:13-20; Ps 1; Luke 11:5-13  
**Friday** Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9; Luke 11:15-26  
**Saturday** Jeremiah 1:4-9; Ps 95; John 15:9-17

## 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

This weekend is

### CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day Appeal

Click here for video explaining the Fast Day Appeal  
with examples from the Brazilian Amazon

**Help indigenous firefighters** £18 could equip an indigenous firefighter with tools to prevent and stop fires in the Amazon.

**Help rebuild and replant after forest fire** £40 could help a forest farming family rebuild and replant after a forest fire.

**Help to keep the forest safe** £100 could provide five forest defenders with training to keep themselves and the forest safe.

Click here to donate to HARVEST Climate Crisis Appeal  
or Please use DONA

### Newman Night Walk from Friday evening, Oxford to Littlemore 8 October 2021

Commemorating the arrival of Blessed Dominic Barberi at Littlemore and St John Henry Newman's Reception into the Church.

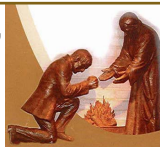
#### YOU CAN JOIN AT ANY STAGE

- 7pm Pilgrim Prayers at The Oratory, Oxford and departure (3 mi)
- 9pm Candlelit Procession, 7 Courtland Rd to Bl. Dominic Barberi (0.7 mi)
- 9.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Bl. Dominic Barberi Church, His Grace Leo Cushley, Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh
- 9.50pm Benediction and Procession to The College Library and Chapel.

Light refreshments after the prayers in Newman's chapel.

You can leave your car beforehand in the car park of Bl. Dominic Barberi Church and take a bus from Littlemore (no. 16) or Rose Hill (no. 3/3A) to town. The last return bus departs at 11.15 pm.

Further information email: [littlemore@newman-friends.org](mailto:littlemore@newman-friends.org) or click here



## Justice and Peace Group

The Parish J&P Group will hold its first meeting since lockdown on  
**Thursday 7 October at 7pm in the Parish Hall.**

This is a critical moment: COP 26 approaches, vaccinations world-wide seem to be low on the political agenda, refugees are in need at home and abroad. Please come along to join the group - all welcome.



**Bishop prays for migrants and refugees by the English Channel in Dover**

Last Saturday, for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Bishop Paul McAleenan led a service of reflection and prayer on the seafront in Dover. Organised by Seeking Sanctuary, an organisation that raises awareness of the plight of migrants and refugees, the group gathered at noon to pray at the Migrants Memorial on the front

where there is a plaque commemorating the many victims who have lost their lives seeking sanctuary in the UK. It also carries the words of Pope Francis: "Every migrant has a name, a face, and a story." [Click here for Video](#)

## 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 Baggley, Patricia Barfield, Margaret Bond, Alan & Rita Booker, Christopher Browne, Pedro Busette, 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 Vuddamalay, Michael Kenworthy-Browne, Fr Timothy Radcliffe.

**those who have died:** Michael Dolan.

**Those whose anniversary occurs this week:** Christopher William, David Matthers, Eva Jesse.

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).

## Pope's encouragement to the Youth in advance of 36th World Youth Day on 21 November 2021

### "Arise and bear witness to Jesus with your lives"

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

**Arise! Do not remain downcast or caught up in yourself: a mission awaits you! You too can testify to what Jesus has begun to accomplish in your lives.**



### PAPAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday  
29 September

Click here

to watch the  
Audience in full

Approx 60 mins (with  
English translation)

## 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](#)

## 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

**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](mailto: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](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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