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Pope's Prayer Intention for November

We pray that people who
suffer from depression or
burn-out will find support
and a light that opens them
to life.

Solemnity of All Saints interpreted by two Artists



Fra Angelico ca 1423 - The National Gallery
"The Forerunners of Christ with Saints and Martyrs"



Wassily Kandinsky, 1911 - Munich, The Städtische Galerie
"All Saints I"

For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their
Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
All are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Live-Stream Masses; Public Worship

Year B SUNDAY
31 October 2021

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SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

31 October 2021

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

Sunday 9.00am Michael Dolan.

11.00am Bernar Sanchez

3.00pm Syro Malabar Community: Rosary followed by Mass

6.30pm

Weekday Masses:

Mon 1 9.15am

Feria

Tue 2 Commemoration of All Souls

9.15am Faustino Lobato Soriano & Fernanda de Araujo Martins RIP

6.30pm

Wed 3 9.15am Vinicio Xavier Morera

Feria

Thurs 4 No Mass

St Charles Borromeo

Fri 5 9.15am Julia Nunes RIP

Feria

6.00pm Papal Knight Mass

Sat 6 10.00am Dennis Lui Thong RIP

Feria

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY

7 November 2021

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

Sunday 9.00am Jim Allanson RIP

11.00am

6.30pm Helena Soccoro Thong and family RIP

Pope at Audience: Love alone attracts and changes the human heart

On Wednesday, Pope Francis reflected on the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Saint Paul reminds the Galatians – and us – that the centre of salvation and faith is the death and resurrection of the Lord, Pope Francis said. He warned that there are many people today “who still seek religious security rather than the living and true God, focusing on rituals and precepts instead of embracing God’s love with their whole being.”

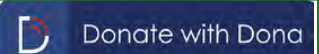
Return to what is essential

So, he said, St Paul asks the Galatians “to return to what is essential, to the God who gives us life in Christ crucified.” Pope Francis encourages us to “place ourselves in front of Christ crucified,” including in Adoration of the Eucharist, when we feel we are losing the thread in our spiritual life. This leads to a further step, he continued: When we meet Christ crucified, Jesus changes our hearts, which leads us to understand that “the Gospel is meant for everyone, not just for a privileged few.” Thus, the Pope said, “the life of the community is regenerated” and through the Spirit, our lives as Christians are renewed, and we are able to continue “to engage in our spiritual battle.”



Click above for video of the Pope's General Audience, Wednesday 27 October

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Scripture Reflection

The Liturgy today opens up to the wonder of the Communion of Saints and also keeps our feet firmly on the ground! The vision of the Apocalypse is of all the martyrs and saints already in glory, fully praising the Lord (First reading: Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14). John reminds the early community of the immense love of God which leads to full revelation. But he also insists on love of neighbour as central (Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3). This love is to be lived out in very practical ways. The “blessed” are those who follow the Beatitudes (Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: “Such are the ones who seek the face of the God of Jacob ” (Psalm 23/24:6).

Scripture Readings
Monday Romans 11:29-36; Ps 68; Luke 14:12-14
Tuesday Volume 1 & Volume 3 from the Lectionary
Wednesday Romans 13:8-10; Ps 111; Luke 14:25-33

Thursday Romans 14: 7-12; Ps 26; Luke 15:1-10
Friday Romans 15: 14-21; Ps 97; Luke 16:1-8
Saturday Romans 16: 3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 144; Luke 16:9-15

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

Parish Pastoral Council Sat 6 November 11.30-12.30

[Click here to listen to Friday's Thought for the Day by Pope Francis](#)



Climate Sunday Mass - Next week

Next weekend, Fr Mervyn will celebrate the Sunday Masses giving thanks for the gift of God's creation, reminding us that we share it with all life on earth.

It will give us all the opportunity to reflect on the significance of the COP 26 Conference of World Leaders and to pray for its success as requested by our Bishops:

Loving 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.

CAFOD's message projected on to Houses of Parliament last week



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

Instil 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.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son.
Amen

THE ERA OF INJUSTICE IS OVER
GLOBAL DAY FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE
OXFORD NOV 6
Meet Manzil Way, 1pm. Walk to Rally in Broad Street

[CLICK HERE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION](#)

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

First Confession and Communion - **Year 3 or above**,
Sacrament of Confirmation - **Year 6 or above**.
Complete a form at the back of the church or [CLICK HERE](#) to email the Parish Office. Sr Marie Ann will contact you.

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 Goonasekara, 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: Sheila Fulham.

those whose anniversary occurs this week: Brian Roberts, Christine McKenna, Margaret Smith.

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

- Arise! Testify to the new way of looking at things that enables you to view creation with eyes brimming with wonder, that makes you see the Earth as our common home, and gives you the courage to promote an integral ecology.

Synod 2021 2023
EXPLAINING THE SYNOD PROCESS
Birmingham Archdiocese Synod Events

All are invited to two evening meetings on Zoom. These information sessions are a great opportunity to take your first step on the Synod journey. Join guest speakers at 7.30pm

7.30pm - Monday 8 November: Fr Jan Nowotnik

7.30pm - Monday 15 November: Dr Mary McCaughey

To book a place, [CLICK HERE](#) to email synodalpathway@rcaob.org.uk



Oxford welcomes Little Amal

Parishioners joined many people - including puppet Alice - in Oxford on Tuesday to welcome Little Amal in search of her mother. The 3.5m high puppet represents a 9-year-old Syrian girl, at the heart of The Walk, travelling 8,000km in support of refugees. So far Little Amal has walked from Turkey, across Europe and now the UK to focus attention on the urgent needs of young refugees. Earlier this week she was welcomed at Westminster Cathedral by Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

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