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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.

Remembrance Sunday



They shall grow not old
as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.
We will remember them.

Live-Stream Masses; Public Worship

Year B SUNDAY
14 November 2021

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THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY (REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY) 14 November 2021

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

Sunday 9.00am Ann Ruane

11.00am Tong, Li, Ho, Ku and Lay & all the departed family.

6.30pm Robert & Lucia Pilat

Weekday Masses:

Cycle of the year B; Breviary Week 1

Mon 15 9.15am Mike Bishop RIP

Feria

3.30pm Requiem: Sheila Fulham

6.30pm Annual Requiem for deceased Catenians

Tues 16 9.15am Ann Ruane

Feria

Wed 17 9.15am Ann Ruane

Feria

Thurs 18 No Mass

Feria

Fri 19 9.15am Nicolas Coote RIP anniversary

Feria

Sat 20 10.00am Olimpia & Sebastiao Soares RIP

Feria

12.00noon Baptism

Café Bite: War Remembrance - Aren't We Forgetting Something?

At least 50% of deaths from war in the last three centuries were civilians. In 2001 the International Red Cross calculated that in modern warfare ten civilians die for every member of the military killed in battle.

Click here to listen to Jon Rosebank and parishioner Penelope Middelboe in History Cafe.

November is the month when we traditionally pray for the Faithful Departed, the Holy Souls.

The Book of Remembrance will be in Corpus Christi, this year by the Pieta. Please write in the names of the Faithful Departed you would like to pray for. There will be an extra Mass on Tuesday November 2nd, All Souls Day, at 6.30pm for bereaved families.

The Blessing of graves at Headington Cemetery will be on Sunday 7 November at 12.30pm. If you would like Fr. Mervyn to bless graves in other cemeteries in the Parish, then please email the Parish Office with names and locations and he will bless them sometime during November.

THIRTY FOURTH SUNDAY

21 November 2021

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

Sunday 9.00am Brendan McNally RIP

11.00am Julia Nunes RIP

6.30pm Hans Allen Dinglasan RIP

Pope at Audience: Walking according to the Spirit makes us free

Pope Francis emphasised the passion St Paul showed in defending the freedom that Christ brought - a passion that "still moves us today". With great conviction, Paul responded to the call he received to preach the Gospel, the Pope went on to say. St Paul pointed out to the Galatians that they, too, were called to the freedom that liberates them from every form of slavery by making them heirs of the ancient promise and children of God through Christ. Summing up what Paul teaches, the Pope said, "The fulfillment of the true Law is found in this life of the Spirit given to us by Jesus. And this life of the Spirit can only be lived in freedom: Christian freedom."



Summing up this catechetical journey on the Letter to the Galatians, the Pope said the Apostle's teaching generates enthusiasm, being drawn to follow the way of freedom and "to walk according to the Spirit", which always makes us free. At the same time, he noted, we become more aware of our weaknesses as we see how challenging it is to be "docile to the Spirit, to surrender to His beneficial action". But we cannot let discouragement set in, the Pope said, recalling the Gospel episode of the disciples in the boat at the moment of the storm, when the Apostles woke Christ up to save them. In these very difficult moments of life, we need to "wake up Christ who is within us", adding, "We must rouse Christ in our hearts and only then will we be able to contemplate things with His eyes for He sees beyond the storm".

Click above for video of the Pope's General Audience, Wednesday 10 November

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Scripture Reflection

Towards the end of the Liturgical Year and at the beginning of Advent, the Lectionary presents us with readings from the Apocalyptic genre - that is, about the end of time. Mark Chapter 13 is the apocalyptic discourse of Jesus to his disciples with the emphasis on being ready for the time which only the Father knows (Gospel: Mark 13:24-32). Daniel has a vision of the intervention of Archangel Michael to protect his people and raise them up (First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3). There is one single sacrifice offered by Christ which we share in at Mass (Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14,18).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: "Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you" (Psalm 15/16:1).

Scripture Readings

Monday

1 Maccab 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64; Ps 118; Luke 18:35-43

Thursday

1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Ps 49; Luke 19:41-44

Tuesday

2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Ps 3; Luke 19:1-10

Friday

1 Maccab 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chron 29; Luke 19:45-48

Wednesday

2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Ps 16; Luke 19:11-28

Saturday

1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Ps 9; Luke 20:27-40

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

ADVANCE NOTICE: PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND, 2022



Fr. Mervyn is arranging a Pilgrimage for next year, **July 5th -13th 2022.** Details will follow.

Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal for local children and young people in need



As a Live Simply Parish, we have collected Christmas Presents for the last 3 years to support the Salvation Army Appeal.

Toys need to be new and not gift wrapped.

This year there will be boxes for toys at the back of church at Corpus Christi and Our Lady of Lourdes from next Sunday, November 14th. [CLICK HERE for gift suggestions for different age groups or see information on the notice board.](#)

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.

The global climate emergency has a human face, say Bishops [Click here to read more](#)

As COP26 BEGAN its second week of discussions, the Church's Lead Bishop for International Affairs, Bishop Declan Lang, joined Bishop John Arnold, Lead Bishop for the Environment in stressing the importance of the UN climate summit to the Catholic Church. Reminding us that it is the world's poorest people who suffer most from the effects of climate change, the bishops said the outcomes of the summit are vital to counter what they describe as "one of the most pressing global social justice issues of our time":

"the world's poorest suffer most"

Synod Pope Francis and the Synodal Process [Click here](#) EXPLAINING THE SYNOD PROCESS

2nd Birmingham Archdiocese Synod Events
At 7.30pm - Monday 15 November: Dr Mary McCaughey
To book a place, [CLICK HERE](#) synodalpathway@rcaob.org.uk

[Click here to email the Editor](#)

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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 Uddamalay, Michael Kenworthy-Browne, Fr Timothy Radcliffe.

those who have died: Patrick McCarthy, Sheila Fulham, Hans Allen Dinglasan.

those whose anniversary occurs this week:
Mark Gonzalves, Nicolas Coote.

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.

Secrets of the Vatican Museum - Woven Arts

There are about 300 tapestries in the Vatican Collection – undisputed masterpieces, such as those intended for the Sistine Chapel using cartoons drawn by Raphael, or the precious cloth that portrays Da Vinci's Last Supper given to the Pope by the King of France. These delicate, priceless works are preserved thanks to the care of expert restorers.



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Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality, Oxford

The Beatitudes

Holding Fast to The Blessings Promised

Four Monday Evenings, 7pm - 8pm

[Click HERE for further information](#)

15 November - 6 December

[Click HERE for further information](#)

The topics covered will include:

- Awaiting God's Blessings With Radical Hope
- Blessings Fulfilled in Mary and Joseph
- The Beatitudes Embodied in The Eucharist
- Living Not I Now, But The Beatitudes Living in Me

Each talk will include time for questions and sharing, as well as a brief take-away to assist with prayerful reflection on the topics covered.

Course delivered ON-LINE

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.**

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