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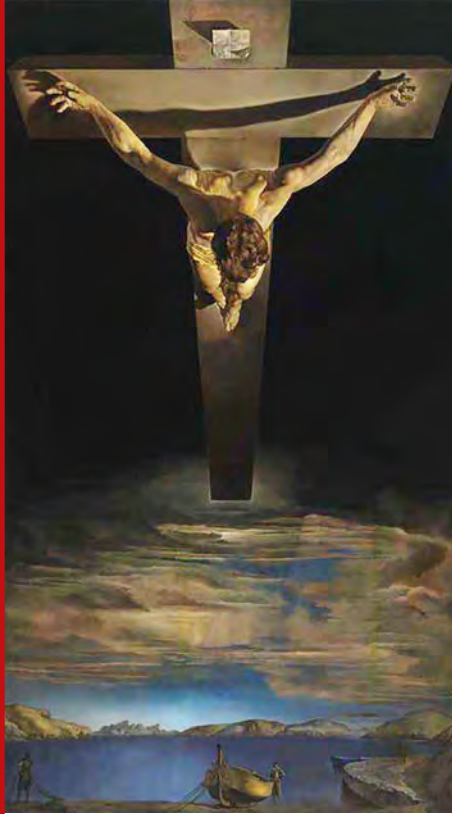
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Pope's Prayer Intention for November

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

Christ the King



Salvador Dalí (1904–1989) Glasgow Museums

Christ of St. John of the Cross is Spanish Surrealist artist Salvador Dalí's interpretation of the 16th century Spanish friar 'John of the Cross'. The painting includes Jesus Christ on the cross in a darkened sky floating over a body of water complete with a boat and fisherman. Despite being a depiction of the crucifixion, Dalí did not include Christ's hands nailed to the cross or a crown of thorns because he was convinced in a dream that these features would ruin his depiction of Christ.

Live-Stream Masses; Public Worship

Year B SUNDAY
21 November 2021

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SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

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

Weekday Masses:

Cycle of the year B; Breviary Week 2

Mon 22 9.15am Narciso Vilasoto (Junior) RIP

St Cecilia

11.00am Marriage

Tues 23 9.15am Judith Lea

Feria

Wed 24 9.15am Orlando Emping RIP anniversary

St Andrew Dung-Lac

Thurs 25 No Mass

Feria

Fri 26 9.15am Luisa Monis de Araujo RIP

Feria

Sat 27 10.00am Mary Gleeson death anniversary

Feria

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

28 November 2021

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

Sunday 9.00am Dorell May Cordon RIP

11.00am Proclamation of Independence of East Timor.

6.30pm In thanksgiving to Mother Mary.

Pope at Audience: St Joseph, an example and a witness for our times

Pope Francis began a new cycle of catecheses on St Joseph this week, explaining that "today, as never before, in this time marked by a global crisis," St Joseph can offer us "support, consolation, and guidance." Pope Francis noted that the name "Joseph" – Hebrew for "may God increase, may God give growth" – is "a wish, a blessing based on trust in God's providence. This, he said, "reveals an essential aspect of Joseph of Nazareth's personality. He is a man full of faith in God, in His providence."

Pope Francis went on to consider the places associated with St Joseph, especially Bethlehem and Nazareth, which "assume an important role in our understanding" of the saint. Bethlehem, he said, means "house of bread" or, in Arabic, "house of meat," both expressions that are full of significances in light of the Incarnation and the Eucharist. While Jerusalem was "the city loved by the Lord, the 'holy city,'" it was Bethlehem and Nazareth, both outlying villages, "far from the clamour of the news and the powers of the time" that are most associated with Saint Joseph. "The choice of Bethlehem and Nazareth tells us that the periphery and marginality are preferred by God," Pope Francis said. "Failure to take this fact seriously is equivalent to not taking seriously the Gospel and the work of God."



Click above for video of the Pope's General Audience, Wednesday 17 November

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Scripture Reflection

We are used to seeing the letters INRI (Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudeorum – Jesus the Nazarene the King of the Jews) on the crucifix above the body of Jesus. It is what Pilate ordered to be written after the conversation with Jesus where the Lord clearly states his kingdom is not of this world. The real Kingdom, unlike those of great earthly rulers, who come and go, is kingdom of the Son of Man and is eternal (First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14). He is the Alpha and Omega (Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: "The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed" (Psalm 92/93:1).

Scripture
Readings

Monday

Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Dan 3; Luke 21:1-4

Thursday

Daniel 6:12-28; Dan 3; Luke 21:20-28

Tuesday

Daniel 2:31-45; Dan 3; Luke 21:5-11

Friday

Daniel 7:2-14; Dan 3; Luke 21:29-33

Wednesday

Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dan 3; Luke 21:12-19

Saturday

Daniel 7:15-27; Dan 3; Luke 21:34-36

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

Oxford Pro-Life Social Evening. 7.30pm
Tuesday 30 November.

Britannia Inn, Headington (free parking!).

A get-together for those in the Oxford area interested in doing a little drop of good for the pro-life cause in the melee of everyday life, together. No experience required and all ages welcome. For more info and to RSVP (optional but helpful), contact Ed Smith: edsmith@gmail.com or 07897 194483. **CLICK HERE to email Ed Smith.**

ADVANCE NOTICE: PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND, 2022



Fr Mervyn is leading the Parish Pilgrimage 5 - 13 July.
Click here for outline details.
Click here for Booking Form.



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 that lives of failure can be rebuilt, that persons spiritually dead can rise anew, that those in bondage can once more be free, that hearts overwhelmed by sorrow can rediscover hope.

WORLD GIFTS

Water for a family
£33

Give World Gifts for Christmas
World Gifts are a range of virtual charity gifts that will delight the people you give them to and help transform the lives of families living in poverty.



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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, Hans Allen Dinglasan.

those whose anniversary occurs this week: David Lewis, Linda Hewlett, Rose Lina Goble.

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.



Online review of the year
Thursday 25 November, 7pm-8pm
led by CAFOD Director Christine Allen.

We would love all parishioners to join us as we share all that the Catholic community has made possible this year through their support. **CLICK HERE to Register**

Sign up for Daily Advent reflections direct to your inbox

An opportunity to pause and reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Christmas. **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

Women in Scripture:
New podcast
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Episode 6: Martha



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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

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.

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