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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.

**Thursday is the Memorial of
St Martin de Tours**



Louis Galloche: St Martin and the beggar
c. 1737. Los Angeles County Museum of Art

There is a story about St Martin that, while a soldier in Amiens, he gave half of his military cloak to a beggar and later had a dream in which the beggar revealed himself as Christ.

St Martin was born what is now Hungary in about 316 and was educated at Pavia in Italy. He left the army and after spending some time as a hermit on an island off the Ligurian coast, founded a monastery at Ligugé in western France, where he lived a monastic life guided by St Hilary. Later he was ordained priest and became bishop of Tours. In his actions he gave an example of what a good shepherd should be. He founded other monasteries, educated the clergy, and preached the Gospel to the poor. He died in 397.

**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.

Live-Stream Masses; Public Worship

**Year B SUNDAY
7 November 2021**

Parish Priest: Rev. Canon Mervyn Tower
Parish Administrator: Mrs Leti Gomes
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St Joseph's Primary School; 01865 763357. www.st-josephs-pri.oxon.sch.uk
St Gregory the Great Secondary School; 01865 749933. www.stgregory.oxon.sch.uk

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY Climate Mass 7 November 2021
**Today there is a retiring collection for The Johnson Association,
for the sick and retired clergy of the Archdiocese.**

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

Sunday 9.00am Jim Allanson RIP

11.00am All the souls.

6.30pm Helena Soccoro Thong and family RIP

Weekday Masses:

Cycle of the year B; Breviary Week 4

Mon 8 9.15am Ann Ruane

Feria

Tues 9 9.15am Georgekutty RIP Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
12.00noon Deanery Deceased Clergy Annual Requiem (all welcome)

Wed 10 9.15am Ann Ruane

St. Leo the Great

Thurs 11 No Mass

St Martin of Tours

Fri 12 9.15am

St Josaphat

Sat 13 10.00am

Feria

1.00pm Baptism

5.00pm Filipino Mass- CPC Oxford Mediatrixians.

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 Jacob Tong, Yohana Ho RIP & departed family.

6.30pm Robert & Lucy Pilat

Pope at Audience: Believing in Jesus means following Him

"To believe in Jesus means to follow Him," Pope Francis said at Wednesday's Audience, adding, "At the same time, it means avoiding the opposite way, that of selfishness, of seeking one's own interest." Pope Francis reflected on St Paul's exhortation to "walk in the Spirit." The Holy Spirit, he said, is our guide on our "journey along the way of Christ," – a "stupendous, but difficult journey, that begins in Baptism and lasts our whole life."

Walking according to the Spirit

Following the path of Jesus, he said, leads Christians to "a positive vision of life," that does not deny the evils and difficulties seen in life, but means instead "that belief in God is always stronger than our resistance and greater than our sins." St Paul, the Pope said, includes himself when he invites the Galatians "to walk in the Spirit." "Even though he knows that Christ lives in him," St Paul "is also convinced that he has not yet reached the goal... he "does not place himself above his community, but places himself in the midst of the journey that everyone is on, in order to provide a concrete example of how necessary it is to obey God, under the Spirit's guidance." If we do feel the need to correct others, we should do so with gentleness and humility. "The Holy Spirit invites us to be in solidarity, to bear others' burdens... The supreme rule regarding fraternal correction is love: to desire the good of our brothers and sisters."

Click above for video of the Pope's General Audience, Wednesday 3 November



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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 Wisdom 1:1-7; Ps 138; Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12; Ps 45; John 2:13-22
Wednesday Wisdom 6:1-11; Ps 33; Luke 17:11-19

Thursday Wisdom 7:22-8:1; Ps 118; Luke 17:20-25.
Friday Wisdom 13:1-9; Ps 18; Luke 17:26-37
Saturday Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 104; Luke 18:1-8

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

Climate Sunday Mass - This 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.

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



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.](#)



Synod 2021-2023

Pope Francis and the Synodal Process [Click here](#)

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 synodalpathway@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:synodalpathway@rcaob.org.uk)

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PLEASE PRAY FOR...

the sick and the housebound: Archie Allen, Antony Ayton, Fr. John Baggle, 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: Patric McCarthy, Sheila Fulham.

those whose anniversary occurs this week: Terence Glynn

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

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.**

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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