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Pope Francis's Prayer
Intention for October

We pray for the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father, as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Tired of waiting - or waiting joyfully?



The Ten Virgins, 2012
Jorge Cocco Santángelo (born 1936)
Oil on canvas

From today's Gospel Matthew 25:1-13...

...Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps...

So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Reflection on the Sacrocubist Painting

The Argentinian Jorge Cocco calls his own style of painting sacro-cubism: it features sacred subject matter and he borrows stylistic elements from Cubism. By painting subjects as simple, geometric shapes, he allows viewers to focus on the essential and most holy subject matter. We see the passive and bored group of the foolish virgins on the left and the five wise virgins, lively and interacting with each other on the right. The bridegroom is painted in the distance, tiny and walking towards the virgins in rays of sunlight; the virgin in the blue cloak seems to have spotted him.

Weddings are great occasions, but there is a lot of waiting to do: the planning of the wedding takes time, guests wait for the bride and groom to arrive, etc. Waiting is hard though. The 10 bridesmaids all had the same opportunity and same oil lamps. They all could have gathered the oils in time... but only 5 of them were taking the long-term view and came fully prepared.

So Jesus uses the context of a wedding to make his point about 'waiting'. How prepared am I?

Live-Stream Masses; Public Worship Year A SUNDAY
12 NOVEMBER 2023

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Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Ruth Kennell.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocesan policies & procedures at all times.

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St Joseph's Primary School; 01865 763357.

www.st-josephs-pri.oxon.sch.uk

Greyfriars Secondary School; 01865 749933.

www.greyfriarsoxford.org.uk

November is dedicated traditionally to prayer for
the Faithful Departed, the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

There is the Book of Remembrance at Corpus Christi. The blessing of graves at Headington Cemetery took place on Saturday afternoon, 4 November. If anyone would like graves blessed in another cemetery, contact Fr. Mervyn who will bless them during November.

32ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 12 NOVEMBER 2023

Saturday 6.00pm @ Our Lady of Lourdes: People of the Parish

Sunday 9.00am Jim O'Leary RIP

11.00am Joao Baptista RIP & deceased Family

6.30pm Deceased members of Catholic Handicapped Fellowship, Oxford

Welcome to
the Spiritans
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Weekdays Cycle A; Breviary week 4

Mon 13 9.15am Jim O'Leary Feria

Tues 14 9.15am Truc Nguyen & Family. Feria

12.15pm Deanery Clergy Requiem

Wed 15 9.15am Robert Liebau RIP Feria

Thurs 16 No Mass Feria

Fri 17 9.15am Souls in Purgatory Feria

Sat 18 10.00am Lizia Fernandes -Thanksgiving Birthday Feria

33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 19 NOVEMBER 2023

Saturday 6.00pm @ Our Lady of Lourdes: People of the Parish

Sunday 9.00am Fausitno Lobato & Fernanda Martins RIP

11.00am Ludovico Hernaez RIP

6.30pm Kuruvila Paul-Memory

Readings in other
languages
CLICK HERE



Oxford Vigil for Peace - last Sunday

Parishioners from Corpus Christi took part in the Vigil for Peace in Broad Street last Sunday evening.

Click here for BBC News Video



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 4th November ; Saturday 10.30 am to 11am and on call.

BENEDICTION: most Fridays after Mass.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP - SATURDAY 4 November after 10am Mass

First Saturday in the month after morning Mass.

HONOUR OUR LADY: After 9.15am Mass and the Rosary, we pray the Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. This beautiful Novena honours Our Lady in prayer and in songs.



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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Today we have proclaimed the first of the three last parables of the Kingdom in Matthew's Gospel before the Passion. The imagery is of being prepared for the wedding Feast - plenty of preparation in case of delay - and the arrival of the Bridegroom (Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13). Such preparedness needs wisdom. This is a gift from the Lord but needs discipline to receive it fully (First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16). St. Paul urges the first Christians not to worry about those who die before Jesus' return - all, living and dead will rise again (Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'O God, you are my God; for you my soul is thirsting (Psalm:62/63:1).

Scripture Readings
Monday Wisdom 1:1-7; Ps 138; Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Ps 33; Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday Wisdom 6:1-11; Ps 81; 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 18:14-16,30-31; Ps 97; Matthew 14:22-33

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

Dates for your Diary
[CLICK HERE](#)



We welcome The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) this weekend..

[Click here to read more](#)

Fr Ian Ker Memorial Lecture, 4pm Sunday, 12 November
"Newman and the Eucharist - A Narrative" [CLICK here](#)
by Sr. Kathleen Dietz FSO for details
followed at 5.30pm by Vespers in Newman's Chapel.

CFC COUPLES FOR CHRIST in OXFORD
CELEBRATES 1ST YEAR ANNIVERSARY
TODAY Sunday 12 Nov, 12 - 5pm
CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH HALL,
MARGARET ROAD, HEADINGTON OX3 8AJ

NEXT Journey of Faith meeting

Monday, 13 November at 7.30 pm. at 202 London Road

All are welcome - baptised Catholics who want to develop their faith, those who want to find out about Catholicism or people who just want to explore the idea of faith. The intent is to help our faith grow and develop. Information from Sharon and Martin at martin.taylor@merton.ox.ac.uk or [CLICK HERE](#)

THE JOY OF HOPE
LIVING JOYFULLY WITH THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE

Thursday Evenings in November in Parish Hall

Thursdays 23, and 30 November 7.15pm for 7.30pm

The Joy of Hope Café course is an engaging and informal course exploring the virtue of hope and what it means for us today. The next session is entitled **Heaven on Earth (about 1 hour)**

All welcome and no need to book – just come along.

For an overview of the course [CLICK](#) to e-mail: johnkirwan1a@gmail.com

HOPE IS THE STEADFAST ANCHOR FOR THE SOUL KEEPING US FROM DISCOURAGEMENT AND SUSTAINING US IN LIFE.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

For more information about the school, please visit the school website [CLICK HERE](#) To arrange a visit, email school office: admin.3838@st-josephs-pri.oxon.sch.uk

Stay-and-Play toddler sessions

Wednesday mornings 9am-10am during termtime, just come along!

CATHOLIC HANDICAPPED FELLOWSHIP Please bring cash for the bingo, flyers and raffle



Please join us for a charity bingo night in aid of the Oxford CHF – providing practical and spiritual support to people with disabilities, and their Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Wednesday 22 November, 2023

Headington Conservative Club, Windmill Road, OX3 7BZ

Doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm; 6-BOOK BINGO FOR £6

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

the sick and the household: Anthony Adkins, Archie Allen, Antony Ayton, Fr. John Baggley, Patricia Barfield, Marian & Roger Biss, Margaret Bond, Alan & Rita Booker, Christopher Browne, Pedro Busette, Ranjith Dhan, 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, Eardley Perera, Peter Perera, Maxwell Rogers, Angela Scott-Smith, Rachel Smith, Alba Thorning, Aileen Vangramberg, Diana Walden, Mary Wallace, Liz Ward, Mai Wick, Louise Williams, Dorren McDonald, Nalen Vuddamalay, Anna Lucia Bianchini.

those who have died: Jorge Garcia Valente, Patrick Heenam, John Billington, Archie A. Baby Xavier, Michael Alexander

those whose anniversary occurs this week: Joseph Burke, Mark Gonzalves, Nicholas 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.

Volunteers needed! If asked to run a stall, please say YES! But why wait? Click here to offer help to Shalini.

CHRISTMAS FETE!
Raffle & Hamper tickets £1 after Mass
Lots of fun!
SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 12 NOON - 2.30pm
VOLUNTEERS and DONATIONS needed for stalls!! Boxes at back of Church for: BOTTLES, GIFTS, CAKES, CHOCOLATES CASH DONATIONS to office please.
Volunteers: [click here to email or sheet at back of church](#)

Environment Matters
Wednesday 15 November
Wednesday 15 Nov. 7.30pm: Coach House, Quarry Rd, OX3 8NU
C S Lewis and the Book of Nature
Revd. Laura Biron-Scott & Revd. Rob Gilbert

Oxford Community Emergency Foodbank is running out of Food!

There is 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 can also be taken to the foodbank:

**Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 11.20am – 1.30pm
behind St Francis Church, Hollow Way.**

[Click here to make financial donation](#)

Sacramental Preparation Important - Dates 2024

Confirmation at Corpus Christi (Year 6 and above)

Saturday 18 May, 6.00pm, Corpus Christi.

First Communion at OLL and Corpus Christi (Yr 3 & above)

Weekend 8/9 June, Vigil and Sunday Masses.

Application forms are available at the back of Church or just email the Parish Office [CLICK HERE](#) with your request which will be forwarded to Sr Marie Ann who will contact you.

Young people or adults wanting to receive the Sacraments are very welcome to contact us as well.

Corpus Christi on Social Media
Join Parish WhatsApp Group, just email your phone number to Parish Office ([CLICK HERE](#))

To see the Facebook page ([CLICK HERE](#))

For Instagram ([CLICK HERE](#))

To receive Newsletter and readings by email each week [CLICK HERE](#)