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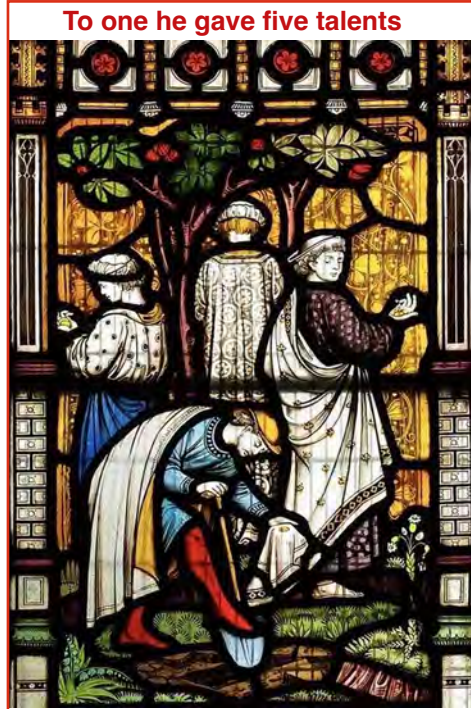
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Pope Francis's Prayer
Intention for November

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.



The parable of the Talents, late 19th Century Stained glass, St Edith's Church, Bishop Wilton

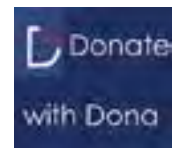
From today's Gospel Matthew 25:14-30...

The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

Reflection on the Sacrocubist Painting

In the window, we see the master walking away, and the 3 servants with their talents in the foreground. The servant who was given the one talent is seen digging a hole in the ground, he is the focus of the composition and of our reflection.

Some people in this earthly life have been given more talents than others. We are surrounded by people who can sing better than us, who are better workers, more skilled health workers, gifted musicians, better teachers, writers, etc. But, even though we are not created equal in regard to the talents we were given, this parable is about equality! The 5 talent servant needs to work just as hard to gain 5 more talents, as the 2 talent servant to produce 2 more. The reward given by the master is the same. God measures our achievements by the degree of effort we make... the servant who buried his talent therefore wasted an amazing opportunity to achieve something great!..



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Live-Stream Masses; Public Worship Year A SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2023

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

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Greyfriars Secondary School; 01865 749933. www.greyfriarsoxford.org.uk

Our November tradition is to pray for the Faithful Departed, the Holy Souls in Purgatory. There is the Book of Remembrance at Corpus Christi.

Saturday 2 December - 10.00am Parish Mass will be offered especially for those from our parish, families and friends who have died over this last year. If you would like the name of a close relative/friend read out at Mass please contact the Parish Office.

33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 19 NOVEMBER 2023

St Margaret of Scotland (Parish Patron Saint)

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 Jaime -Thanksgiving Birthday

Weekdays

Cycle A; Breviary week 1

Mon 20	9.15am	Fortunato Fernandes -Thanksgiving Birthday	Feria
Tues 21	9.15am	Narczyz	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed 22	9.15am	Souls in Purgatory	St.Cecilia
Thurs 23	No Mass		Feria
Fri 24	9.15am	Maya Jose -Thanksgiving Birthday	St. Andrew Dung -Lac
Sat 25	10.00am	Teresinha Alves & Norberto dos Santos RIP	Feria

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING 26 NOVEMBER 2023

Saturday 6.00pm @ Our Lady of Lourdes: People of the Parish
Sunday 9.00am Sister Marie Marthe RIP
11.00am Fiona & Paddy O'Shea
6.30pm Denzil & Rita Kav

Readings in other languages
[CLICK HERE](#)

Pope at Audience: Jesus is our constant source of joy, our friend who accompanies each of us on our way.

[Click here for video](#)

[Click here for account](#)

SYNOD Multimedia version of Synod "Letter to People of God" released by the Pope. [CLICK HERE](#)
A SYNODALCHURCH IN MISSION Final Synthesis report [CLICK HERE](#)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 10.30 am to 11am and on call.

BENEDICTION: most Fridays after Mass.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP - SATURDAY 2 December 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.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The penultimate parable of Matthew's Gospel is about responsibility according to the gifts received. A talent is a large denomination of money but also stands for talents in the sense we normally understand (Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30). The perfect wife – described in terms that are of their own time and place – is a metaphor for wisdom which requires a dedicated response (First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31). St. Paul urges vigilance by living always as children of light (Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life (Psalm 127/128:5).

Scripture Readings	Monday	1 Maccabees 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-64;Ps118;Luke18:35-43	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 Maccabees 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

Dates for your Diary
[CLICK HERE](#)



Gentle Reminder! Did you buy some items from the Friends of the Holy Land Stall a few weeks ago - and promised "to pay next week"? There a few outstanding payments - please settle with the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Salvation Army Christmas Gift Appeal

 **NEW toys for local children and young people who have little or nothing for Christmas**
As a Live Simply Parish, we have collected Christmas Presents for the last 5 years.

More families will be in need this year.

Toys need to be new and not gift wrapped.

Collection boxes at back of Church

November 25/26 until December 9/10

[CLICK HERE](#) for gift suggestions for different age groups

Four hours of Recollection at the Priory

Saturday 2 December 11.30am – 3.30pm

This will consist of two short talks and a Holy Hour with plenty of time for quiet individual recollection. A simple lunch of soup and bread will be provided. Please write your name on the list in the Churches if you would like to come or [CLICK HERE](#) to email your name. All welcome!



Calling all young people (aged 14-18) Pizza and chat!

Sunday 3 December after the 11am Mass in the Parish Hall.

Come along to hang out and get together with other young parishioners.

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
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](#)

CATHOLIC HANDICAPPED FELLOWSHIP Please bring cash for the bingo, flyers and raffle **BINGO**
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: Archie A. Baby Xavier, Michael Alexander.

those whose anniversary occurs this week: David Lewis, Mark Gonzalves, Matthew Cameron, 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.

Oxford Preservation Trust Awards 2023

Congratulations to the Parish!

Architect:
Robert Eyles Design

2023 Award winner "Small Projects"



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](mailto:johnkirwan1a@gmail.com) to e-mail: johnkirwan1a@gmail.com

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

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

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](#)