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Pope Francis's Prayer
Intention for December

for those with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation..

I was naked and you clothed me



Mayday Mayday, the Raft of Human Rights,
Cuboliquido (born Milan, 1974),
Chalk crayons on pavement, 2013

From today's Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

'For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me.' .

Reflection on the street art

Every year, Sarasota, USA, hosts the 'Chalk Festival', celebrating the world's most talented pavement artists. Today's 3D optical illusion is made just with coloured chalks on a street. What makes pavement art unique compared with other art, is that there is no permanence. These works are created for one moment, admired, spoken of, and then disappear because of rain, traffic, pedestrians, etc.

This image is flat on the pavement but the refugees on a raft appear to rise above the pavement, The words 'I was naked and you clothed me' are especially appropriate for all the refugees in the world escaping horrendous wars and trying to improve their lives elsewhere, taking huge risks in fragile boats.. At this very moment, hundreds of migrants are chancing a hazardous crossing somewhere in the world. It is poignant to see this image drawn on the streets, where unfortunately many of our refugee brothers and sister will end up.

October Offertory

Gift Aid £4,372.40
Non Gift Aid £3,085.33.



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Year A

SUNDAY

26 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.

Ruth can be contacted at sg.corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk. Alternatively contact the Diocesan Safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 (safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

St Joseph's Primary School; 01865 763357.

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

Greyfriars Secondary School; 01865 749933.

www.greyfriarsoxford.org.uk

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.

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](#)

Weekdays

Cycle A; Breviary week 2

Mon 27 9.15am Mary Gleeson RIP 18th anniversary

Feria

Tues 28 9.15am Isabelita Fernandes-t hanksgiving Birthday

Feria

11.00am Requiem: Michael Alexander

Wed 29 9.15am Dennis Thong Heng

Feria

Thurs 30 No Mass

St Andrew, Apostle

Fri 1 9.15am Sharon & Martin's 50th wedding anniversary

St Edmund Champion

Sat 2 10.00am Parish Mass for Faithful Departed

Feria

2.00pm Baptism

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3 DECEMBER 2023

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

Sunday 9.00am Orlando Empig RIP anniversary

11.00am Joaquina Fernandes RIP 10th anniversary

6.30pm Repose souls of family and Friends of Bernadette



**Pope: Christians must be
courageous instruments
of inclusive love
(Wednesday Audience)**

**Pope Francis: Pray for immense
suffering of people in Holy Land**
"This is not war; this is terrorism." With those words, Pope Francis described the Israel-Hamas war that is ravaging the Holy Land. [Click here for account](#)

[Click here for video](#)

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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 final parable of Jesus before his Passion is that of the sheep and goats – unique to Matthew. In the end, the King's judgment points to the responsibility of all to help one another – especially those in need – in this life. The Kingdom is built up by our actions (Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46). The Lord is the real shepherd (rather than kings and other rulers) who looks after his sheep and separates them from the goats (which need less looking after) (First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17). St. Paul preaches that the Resurrection of Christ leads to that of all and ultimately to the destruction of death itself (Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28). **Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever' (Psalm 22/23:6).**

Scripture
Readings

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday

Daniel 1:1-6,8-20; Dan 3; Luke 21:1-4
Daniel 2:31-45; Dan 3; Luke: 21:5-11
Dan 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28; Dan 3; Luk 21:12-19

Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Romans 10:9-18; Ps 18; Matthew 4:18-22
1 Corinthians 4:9-13;Ps 33; Luke 9:23-26
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

Dates for your Diary
[CLICK HERE](#)



CHRISTMAS Today!
Lots of fun!
Raffle & Hamper tickets £1 after Mass
SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 12 NOON - 2.30pm



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.

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.

Corpus Christi for a Fairer World

"I was naked and you clothed me"

Justice & Peace meeting on

Wednesday 29 November at 7.30pm

in the quiet room (off sacristy). Please join us!

Parish Holy Land Calendar

featuring photographs from this year's Parish Pilgrimage.

**All proceeds to
Friends of the Holy Land.
Available Next Weekend**

Price: £6 (payment also on DONA)



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

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: Michael Alexander.

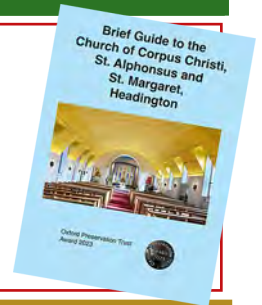
those whose anniversary occurs this week: John Wilkinson, Terence Byrne McDonald

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.

New!! This week!

Brief Guide to our Award-winning Church

Could you explain the significance of the Hebrew, Greek and Latin texts to a visitor? Do you know who is represented in the Stained Glass? Pick up a guide: Fr Mervyn explains all!



THE JOY OF HOPE

LIVING JOYFULLY WITH THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE

Thursday Evenings in November in Parish Hall Thursday 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 *The River of Life (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.

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 Pro-Life Rosary Witness:

On Saturday 2 December (On Our Lady's first Saturday of the Month) all pro-lifers are warmly invited to recite the Rosary for the end of abortion and in defence of life.

We will be meeting outside the Clarendon building at 48 Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3AZ at 12 pm. Please join us in taking up the powerful Rosary in this mission of witnessing to the Gospel of life and for the conversion of hearts and minds. Details: honorroberts@hotmail.com

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](#)