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CORPUS CHRISTI

ST. ALPHONSUS AND ST. MARGARET RC CHURCH

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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.

Live-Stream Masses; Public Worship Year A SUNDAY
5 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.

31ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 5 NOVEMBER 2023

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

Sunday 9.00am Mr & Mrs O'Leary

11.00am Gabriela Da Cruz RIP & deceased Family

1.00pm Timorese Community Mass

6.30pm John Barrie RIP

Readings in other
languages
CLICK HERE

Weekdays

Cycle A; Breviary week 3

Mon 6 9.15am Santana Coutinho RIP

Feria

Tues 7 8.00am John Barrie RIP

Feria

Wed 8 9.15am Souls in Purgatory

Feria

Thurs 9 No Mass

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Fri 10 9.15am Juvinal thanksgiving Birthday

St Leo the Great

Sat 11 10.00am Joaquim da Cruz & Manuel Aparicio Guterres RIP.

St Martin of Tours

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



Pope on All Saints: We are called to holiness, a gift and journey together

When we receive a gift, what is our first reaction? It is precisely that we are happy, because it means that someone loves us; and the gift of holiness makes us happy because God loves us.

CLICK HERE FOR 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.

They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders



The Burden, Satu Prinnen, 2017

From today's Gospel Matthew 23:1-12

... "They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi."

Satu Helena Pirinen, a Finnish-born artist, shows a man being overburdened by life. He carries the weight of the city, work, family, home, etc. There is plenty to look at in this painting. Sometime life may feel exactly like this. We may not see the wood for the trees with our work and responsibilities.

Jesus was at his most burdened as he hung from the cross, not only by being condemned to death by crucifixion, but also by carrying all of our burdens too! And if we are going through a good patch in life not feeling very pressured, then maybe it is a good time to help carry the burdens of others.



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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The whole of Matthew Chapter 23 is an indictment against the religious leaders, a common theme of the Prophets. Those chosen to lead the Church are summoned to be different – to be servants, clearly look to Christ and to be authentic in their vocation (Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12). Malachi berates the priests who do not glorify the Lord but themselves (First Reading: Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10). St. Paul leads by example – working hard so that he can proclaim the Good News without burdening anyone with his own well being (Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul' (Psalm:130/131:2)

Scripture Readings
Monday Wisdom 1:1-7; Ps 138; Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Ps 138; 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](#)

Next Weekend,
11/12 November



The Spiritans

British Province
Congregation of the Holy Spirit

One Heart
One Spirit

The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) will hold a Mission Appeal at all Masses.

[Click here to read more about their work](#)

THE JOY OF HOPE

LIVING JOYFULLY WITH THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE

Thursday Evenings in November in Parish Hall

Thursdays 9, 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 ***The best is yet to come.*** (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.

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](#)

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

CHRISTMAS FETE!
Lots of fun!
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](#)

The harvest are plentiful but the workers are few
Luke 10:2



CFC COUPLES FOR CHRIST in OXFORD
CELEBRATES 1ST YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Sunday 12 Nov, 12 - 5pm

**CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH HALL,
MARGARET ROAD, HEADINGTON OX3 8AJ**

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.

those whose anniversary occurs this week: John Devenport, Terence John 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.

Fix the Food System: Salina's letter

Thank you to everyone who signed Salina's letter to the World Bank calling for the rights of small farmers to have control over their own seeds. 70,000 signatures from 750 parishes were taken to the World Bank

Global Director at the Bank's annual meeting in Morocco and CAFOD representatives met with Bank officials in London. [CLICK HERE](#) for video of letter being presented to World Bank in Marrakesh.

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](#)

Fr Ian Ker Memorial Lecture, 4pm Sunday, 12 November

"Newman and the Eucharist - A Narrative"

by Sr. Kathleen Dietz FSO at The College, Littlemore [CLICK here for details](#)
followed at 5.30pm by Vespers in Newman's Chapel.



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!

Sacramental Preparation Important - Dates 2024

Confirmation at Corpus Christi

Saturday 18 May, 6.00pm, Corpus Christi.

First Communion at OLL and Corpus Christi

Weekend 8/9 June, Vigil and Sunday Masses.

Children need to be in Year 3 or above for First Communion and Year 6 and above for Confirmation.

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](#))

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For Instagram ([CLICK HERE](#))

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