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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..



... and we are a Fairtrade Parish

Be on your guard, stay awake



Winter Landscape with a Bird Trap
Pieter Bruegel, 1565; Oil on Panel

Gospel Reading :Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'



Winter Landscape with la Bird-trap

is attributed to Pieter Bruegel the Elder. It shows a village scene where people skate on a frozen river, while on the right among trees and bushes, birds gather around a bird trap. There are 127 copies of the work by Bruegel the Younger and his circle of artists. Underlying it, is the precariousness of life, which is marked by the birds' total ignorance of the trap under which they feed, and the carefree skaters playing upon the fragile ice, seemingly unconcerned about it cracking.

The Gospel reading calls us to be awake, alert, to the Lord's coming. We are to be like the doorkeeper in today's reading, attentive to the familiar footsteps of the returning beloved.

Masses for week beginning 3 December CYCLE Year B

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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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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3 December 2023

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

Sunday 9.00am Orlando Empig

11.00am Joaquina Fernandes

6.30pm Bernadette's family and friends souls

Weekdays

Cycle B; Breviary week 1

Mon 4 9.15am Souls in Purgatory

Advent FERIA

Tues 5 9.15am Esdras Toteles; Anna Finlay

St. Birinius

Wed 6 9.15am Santana Coutinho

Advent FERIA

Thur 7 No Mass

St. Ambrose

Fri 8 8.00am Leti; Salvador Gomes

Immaculate Conception

Sat 10 10.00am Fr. Mervyn

Advent FERIA

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10 DECEMBER 2023

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

Sunday 9.00am Jim O'Leary

11.00am Kurt Marcelle

6.30pm Mgr. Morgan

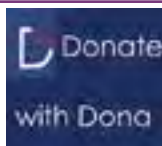
Pope at Audience: Christians must fill pessimistic societies with Gospel joy

"We could even say that we find ourselves in the first civilization in history that globally seeks to organize a human society without the presence of God, concentrated in huge cities that remain horizontal despite their vertiginous skyscrapers."

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Circus performs at the Audience - watch the Pope enjoy the performance!
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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The teaching of Jesus about 'staying awake' is, characteristically of Mark, clear and focussed, the phrase occurring three times in our short extract (Gospel: Mark 13:33-37). Trito-Isaiah (chapters 57-66) laments the fickleness of the people but exults in the strength of the Lord, the Creator (First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8). At the very beginning of his letter Paul reminds all that their fundamental attitude is to be that of waiting for the revealing of the Lord (Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: "The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its people" (Psalm 23/24:1).

Scripture Monday Isaiah 2:1-5; Ps 121; Matthew 8:5-11

Readings Tuesday 1 Cor 9:16-23; Ps 116; Matthew 9:35-37

Wednesday Isaiah 25:6-10; Ps 22; Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday isaiah 26:1-6; Ps 117; Matthew 7:21,24-27

Friday Genesis 3:9=15; Ps 97; Ephesians 1:3-12; Luke 1 26-38

Saturday Isaiah 30:19-26; Ps 146; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 6-8

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

Dates for your Diary
[CLICK HERE](#)



TODAY! 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.

Get your copy before they run out! **WIGIG!**

Parish Holy Land Calendar featuring photographs from this year's Parish Pilgrimage. **All proceeds to Friends of the Holy Land.** Now available - Back of Church **Price: £6** (payment also on Dona)



Thank you from the Spiritans!

The Holy Ghost Fathers have asked us to pass on their thanks for the wonderful support received from the Parish. In their recent appeal, £1,344.97 was raised.

Thank you from Friends of the Holy Land

£1,300 was raised from the recent sale of olive wood objects.

NEXT Journey of Faith meeting

Monday, 11 December 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. For further information you can contact Sharon and Martin at martin.taylor@merton.ox.ac.uk or [CLICK HERE](#)

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 until weekend December 9/10

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

the sick and the housebound: 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, Salvador Gomes

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.

CORPUS CHRISTI ADVENT REFLECTION

Sunday 17 December, 4pm

Join us for a service of prayer and music and enjoy a moment of peace and preparation in this busy season, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

There will be a collection for the Friends of the Holy Land

Advent Night Prayer by Zoom ALL WELCOME

Tuesdays in Advent at 9.30pm for 20 minutes.

Join us for Compline (the Night Prayer of the Church), via Zoom, on Tuesdays in Advent (5 Dec, 12 Dec & 19 Dec)

No need to book just

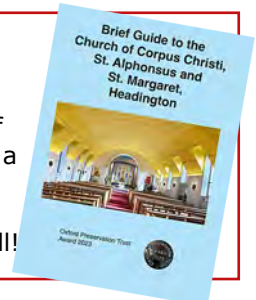
[CLICK HERE](#) to join by Zoom

Queries to John Kirwan
07985 098544

New!! Please take your copy

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!



Sacramental Preparation Important - Dates 2024

Confirmation at Corpus Christi (Year 6 and above)

Saturday 18 May, 6.00pm,

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](#)