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ST. ALPHONSUS AND ST. MARGARET RC CHURCH

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Our Parish Vision

**A welcoming and dynamic
Catholic Community,
with the Eucharist at the
centre,
reaching out to all.**

Masses for week beginning 28 January 2024

Year B

Parish Priest: Rev. Canon Mervyn Tower

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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

4th Sunday of ordinary time 28 January 2024

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

Sunday 9.00am Sarah Tierney

11.00am Bridle Nicholson

6.30pm Enya Conway

**Racial Justice
Sunday**

Weekdays

Cycle B; Breviary week 4

Mon 29 9.15am Bridle Nicholson

Feria

Tues 30 9.15am Rosario Banzon

Feria

Wed 31 9.15am Anesta

St. John Bosco

Thur 1 No Mass

Feria

Fri 2 9.15am Joazito da Costa RIP

Feast of Presentation of the Lord

Sat 3 10.00am Sean Gennings

Feria

12.00noon Baptism

5th Sunday of ordinary time 4 February 2024

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

Sunday 9.00am Bridle Nicholson

11.00am Joe Finlay

6.30pm Salvador Gomes + Gabriela da Cruz RIP

Pope at Audience: Avarice is a sickness of the heart, not of the wallet.

At the weekly General Audience, Pope Francis continued his catechesis on vice and virtue with a reflection on avarice, saying the certainty of death is an effective reminder that we must be generous with our goods in this life since we cannot take our money beyond the grave.

Too often, the Pope said, we "forget the Gospel preaching, which does not claim that riches are a sin in themselves, but they are certainly a liability." This, he added, "is what the miser does not understand: he could have been a source of blessing to many, but instead has slipped into a blind alley of wretchedness." **CLICK HERE FOR FULL ACCOUNT**



**Click for VIDEO
of Pope's catechesis**

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

BENEDICTION: most Fridays after Mass.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP - Cancelled this month due to illness 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

After calling his first disciples Jesus launches into his ministry in Capernaum and Galilee. Significantly he goes first to the Synagogue and teaches and heals the tormented man. It is these actions that demonstrate Jesus' absolute authority and this is recognized by the crowd (Gospel: Mark 1:21-28). Moses looks forward to the day when the Lord will raise up a prophet that ultimately is greater even than Moses himself (First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20). St. Paul teaches the advantages of remaining unmarried (Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-25).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us' (Psalm 94/95:6).

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday Deuter 18:15-20; Ps 94; 1 Corint 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28
Tuesday 2 Sam 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19:3; Ps 85; Mark 5:21-43
Wednesday 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Ps 31; Mark 6:1-6
Thursday 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chronicles 29; Mark 6:7-13
Friday Malachi 3:1-4 or Heb 2:14-18; Ps 23; Luke 2:22-40
Saturday 1 Kings 3:4-13; Ps 118; Mark 6:30-34

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](#)

Pope Francis: 'Prayer is breath of faith in war-torn world'



In a preface for Cardinal Comastri's new book, "Praying Today. A Challenge to Be Overcome", Pope Francis invites Christians to prepare for the 2025 Jubilee through fervent prayer for our conflict-ridden world. [CLICK HERE TO READ MORE](#)

Our Parish and The Year of Prayer 2024

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. Oxford North Deanery is arranging a series of monthly talks on prayer at each of the parishes in the Deanery..

Parish Day of Reflection on Prayer

Saturday 24 February in the Priory,

Old High Street, Headington, 11am - 3.30pm

Fr Mervyn will lead this day. It will begin with the Saturday Mass at 10am held in the Priory Chapel, followed by coffee before the day of reflection then begins. A simple soup lunch will be available, so nearer the time we will need to know numbers attending.

The next Deanery talk on Prayer will be at
Our Lady Help of Christians

on **Monday 5 February** led by **Fr. Harry Curtis**.

More details will follow as more dates are confirmed (see Dates for your Diary).

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Diocesan Guide to Personal Prayer.

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 Busetto, 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,

those who have died: Anna Lucia Bianchini, Bridie Nicholson, Thommas Cleary, Anthony Murphy, Salvador Gomes, Trevor Price.

those whose anniversary occurs this week: Hilde McIlvenna, Janet Axtell.

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.

Today is Racial Justice Sunday

A Prayer:

God of light and truth, you call all men and women to live lives of holiness and justice.

Help us to see in one another: a heart which is tender, a mind which is humble and a care for

our brothers and sisters; so that together we may build up the Body of Christ as a sign of hope and mercy for all.

We make this prayer through Jesus our Lord.
Amen.



[CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS](#)

Join us for Coffee after 9am Mass!

Great fresh coffee, tea and chat served every week after Mass; everyone is welcome."



We have been able to give £120 to Friends of the Holy Land thanks to the donations of 9am Mass coffee drinkers.

Advance Notice

Archbishop Bernard to visit the Parish, Sunday 10 March.

Archbishop Bernard will celebrate the 11am Mass on Sunday 10 March and bless the new Icon of St. Frideswide, the Patron of the City and University of Oxford, written by Sister Felicity of Baddesley Clinton.

Apply to join this year's Lourdes Pilgrimage as an Assisted Pilgrim

Monday 27 May to Saturday 1 June

The Archdiocese organises a pilgrimage to Lourdes for a week of prayer and service at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes.

If you need assistance with personal care, medication or mobility then we encourage you to apply to the Pilgrimage as an Assisted Pilgrim.

[CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT LOURDES 2024](#)

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES

APRIL - OCT 2024:

7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you.

Tel. 020 3239 8662 or website www.med-irishcentre.com

Offertory Collections December 2023

Gift Aided	£3,505.40
Non Gift Aided	£2,149.32.

Totals for the Year:	2023	2022
Gift Aided	£45,681.75	£47,396.68
Non Gift Aided	£27,417.40	£24,548.59

Oxford Community Emergency Foodbank

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.**

or take direct to Food Bank **Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays
from 11.20am - 1.30pm, behind St Francis Church, Hollow Way.**

[Click here to make financial donation](#)

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Invites you to join our
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Starts: Sunday 4 Feb, 12-5pm

Corpus Christi Parish Hall
Register & more Information
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