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Our Parish Vision

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

You must come away to some  
lonely place all by yourselves



Freedom of Worship,  
Norman Rockwell (1894-1978), Oil on canvas,  
Norman Rockwell Museum, Massachusetts

Sunday's Gospel, Mark 6:30-34

Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them.

Reflection on the Painting

Rockwell's painting shows the profiles of eight people of different faiths in a moment of prayer. The three figures on the bottom row (right to left) show a Jewish man with his head covered holding a religious book. There follows an older woman who is Protestant, and a younger Catholic woman holding rosary beads. Rockwell stated that he feels hands are second only to heads in importance to the expression of a story: "I depend on the hands alone to convey about half of the message I wish to put over."



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Masses for week beginning 21 July 2024

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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St Joseph's Primary School; 01865 763357.

[www.st-josephs-pri.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.st-josephs-pri.oxon.sch.uk)

Greyfriars Secondary School; 01865 749933.

[www.greyfriarsoxford.org.uk](http://www.greyfriarsoxford.org.uk)

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 July 2024

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

Sunday 9.00am Margaret Dore

11.00am Rev. Bernard Garrath RIP

6.30pm Kamilius Kole Sangu RIP

Weekdays

Cycle B; Breviary week 4

Mon 22 9.15am John Darley RIP

St Mary Magdalene

Tues 23 9.15am Rev. Keith Enstone RIP

St Bridget, Patron of Europe

Wed 24 9.15am Deceased members of Wise, Gough & Webster Families

Feria

Thur 25 No Mass

St James, Apostle

Fri 26 9.15am Jose Antonio Cardoso RIP Ss Joachin and Anne, Parents of the BVM

Sat 27 10.00am Salvador Gomes RIP

Feria

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

28 July 2024

**WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**

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

Sunday 9.00am Dominic McGeehin RIP (anniversary 29 June)

11.00am Mr M E Connelly

6.30pm Annual Mass of the Parish in which I live

**Mrs Joan Manuell RIP**

Joan's family have asked that friends from Corpus Christi be informed of the details of her funeral.

Joan will be received into St Anthony of Padua Church on Monday 29 July at 6.30pm.

Her Requiem Mass will be at 11.00am on Tuesday 30 July in St Anthony of Padua.

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

**BENEDICTION:** most Fridays after Mass.

**ECUMENICAL PRAYERS by Zoom - Every Monday at 11 am for 20 minutes - [CLICK](#)**

**[HERE FOR LINK](#)**

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP - The next session will be Saturday 3 August, after 10am Mass and then every 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

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

After their efforts on the mission, Jesus wants his disciples to rest. But, as often in Mark's Gospel, the urgency of the task of preaching and healing is more important (Gospel: Mark 6:30-34). Jeremiah condemns the shepherds who look after themselves rather than the sheep and predicts the descendant of David who will be the chief shepherd (First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6). St. Paul preaches the truth about Jesus the New Man who reconciles Jews and gentiles (Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18).

**Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name' (Ps 22/23:3).**

**Monday** Song of Songs 3:1-4 or 2Cor 5:14-17; Ps 62; John 20:1-2, 11-18  
**Tuesday** Galatians 2:19-20; Ps 33; John 15:1-8  
**Wednesday** Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Ps 70; Matthew 13:1-9  
**Thursday** 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Ps 125; Matt. 20:20-28  
**Friday** Jeremiah 3:14-17; Jer 31; Matthew 13:18-23  
**Saturday** Jeremiah 7:1-11; Ps 83; Matthew 13:24-30

## Prayer for the Preparation of Mass

**G**od 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.

**M**ay 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  
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**Next Sunday is World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly!**

'Loneliness' is at the heart of the Pope's theme for 4th Grandparents Day as he releases his message for the 2024 World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: "Do not cast me off in my old age". (cf. Ps 71:9)  
Message of His Holiness Pope Francis [CLICK HERE](#)



**Bishop Tim Menezes (left) and Bishop Richard Walker (right)** after their Episcopal Ordinations on Tuesday.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Archbishop's homily.

## Diocesan Bishops of England and Wales

There are 22 dioceses in England and Wales led by an Ordinary (a bishop). A diocesan bishop is given the authority by the Pope to exercise his pastoral function over his local diocese.

Who are our Bishops?

[Click here](#) for a brief biography of leaders of our Church in England and Wales

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## 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, 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, Tom Townsend, Aileen Vangramberg, Diana Walden, Mary Wallace, Liz Ward, Mai Wick, Louise Williams, Dorren McDonald, Nalen Uddamalay, Edu Xavier.

**those who have died:** Keith Carpenter, Helen Simon, Gordon Curtis.

**those whose anniversary occurs this week:** Edward Andrew Burrows

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](mailto:corpus.OLL.news@gmail.com).

## Pope at Angelus last Sunday: Don't distance yourself from Christ's joy



During his Sunday Angelus address, Pope Francis called on faithful to draw closer to Christ by bringing with them only the essentials. He took his cue from last Sunday's Gospel reading according to Saint Mark, in which we hear Jesus tell His followers to pack light in order to follow Him. [CLICK HERE](#) for more

**Stressed? Busy? Too many screens?**  
Try a walk in God's beautiful creation



"Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy." Psalm 96 v12.

**Lye Valley SSSI and Nature reserve, with beautiful plants, insects, birds and animals.**

Where is it? Off The Slade, between Girdlestone Road and Peat Moors. Starts at <https://what3words.com/field.mimic.fleet> [//field.mimic.fleet](https://field.mimic.fleet)

**Please stay on the boardwalk. Keep dogs on leads**

## 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

## Lectionary

A new edition of the Lectionary, the book which contains the readings which are proclaimed at Mass, will come into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent 2024.

Did you know that a new Lectionary will be introduced in Advent?  
What is the Lectionary?  
[CLICK HERE](#)

