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Our Parish Vision

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

There is a small boy here with five
barley loaves and two fish



The miracle of the five loaves and two fish,
Lucas Cranach the Elder (1472-1553),
National Museum of Fine Arts, Stockholm

Sunday's Gospel: John 6:1-15

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?'

Reflection on the Painting

Lucas Cranach places the boy centre-stage, directly next to Jesus. Jesus, the boy and the disciples form a group on the left, elevated. The crowds make up the diagonal right half of the painting.

No one in the crowd would have thought that the little boy mattered or imagined that what he was carrying in his little basket would be the key to one of the most significant miracles Jesus ever performed. God reaches out to the most humble of people, with whom he does the most amazing things.

This also means that we ourselves are never lost in a crowd. We are unique. And God can do and will do the most amazing things with us. The Gospel teaches us that if we give to others generously from our resources, the Lord will work powerfully through those resources, small as they may seem to us.



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Masses for week beginning 28 July 2024

Year B

Parish Priest: Rev. Canon Mervyn Tower 88 Wharton Road, Oxford, OX3 8AJ. 01865 762433

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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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Greyfriars Secondary School; 01865 749933.

www.greyfriarsoxford.org.uk

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

Weekdays

Cycle B; Breviary week 1

Mon 29 9.15am Kate & Dec MacNanamara RIP Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus

Tues 30 9.15am Annual mass for Benefactors Feria

Wed 31 9.15am Mr M. E Connelly St Ignatius of Loyola

Thur 1 No Mass St Alphonus Mary de' Liguori

Fri 2 9.15am P. J. Dore Feria

Sat 3 10.00am Requiem Mass - Maria Ramiao RIP Feria

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 August 2024

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

Sunday 9.00am Jasper's Health

11.00am Nebio Martins RIP

6.30pm Siluvai Jebamalai RIP

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](#)

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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

St. Mark's Gospel is the shortest one so added to the Cycle of Sunday Readings for Year B are five extracts from John Chapter 6. This begins with the feeding of the five thousand. As always in John's Gospel, Jesus takes the initiative and shows himself completely in charge of the situation (Gospel: John 6:1-15). The miracle of Elisha is one of the feeding miracles of the Old Testament (First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44). St. Paul urges complete unity among the early Christians (Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6).

Monday	Jer 13:1-11; Deut 32; Jn 11:19-27 (Lk 10: 38-42)
Tuesday	Jer 14:17-22; Ps 78; Matthew 13:36-43
Wednesday	Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 58; Matthew 13:44-46
Thursday	Jer 18:1-6; Ps 145; Matthew 13:47-53
Friday	Jer 26:1-9; Ps 65; Matthew 13:54-58
Saturday	Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 68; Matthew 14:1-12

Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'The Lord is just in all his ways and leaving in all his deeds' (Ps 144/145:13).

Prayer for the Preparation of Mass

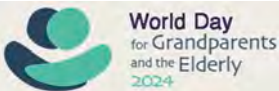
God our Father, you call us to gather for this Sunday Mass. Help us to draw strength from the Holy Scriptures and from the Holy Eucharist, so that we deepen our love for you.

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
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World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2024

Today 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](#)

Thursday 1 August J&P Group 7.30pm - Parish Hall

All Kinds
of
Catholic

With Theresa Alessandro



All Kinds of Catholic with Theresa Alessandro

Theresa Alessandro talks to 'all kinds of Catholic' people about how they live their faith in today's world. Join us to hear stories, experiences and perspectives that

will encourage, and maybe challenge, you. It can be difficult to put faith into words and the podcast guests are mainly people who are not in the public eye. Their courage and willingness to share something of their story and their own spirituality is deeply moving. The feedback received so far demonstrates how much the episodes resonate with listeners:

CLICK HERE for more information and podcasts or search for All Kinds of Catholic on podcast platforms. 'Follow' the podcast so you won't miss an episode. Rate and review it, to help other people find it. You can follow the dedicated X and Facebook accounts too: @KindsofCatholic.

2025 Jubilee Year

After the year devoted to reflecting on the documents and studying the fruits of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Francis has proposed that 2024 should be marked as a year dedicated to prayer for the Jubilee Year.



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Jubilee 2025

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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](#)

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 Maria Ramiao

those whose anniversary occurs this week: Georgekutty.

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.

Pope at Angelus: Slow down, reflect, pray to be more caring



At the Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis said that to be more caring and compassionate, we need to slow down from the rush and worries of daily life by spending time in contemplation and prayer to recharge our physical and spiritual energies.

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Diocese of Arundel and Brighton

ECUMENICAL WALKING
PILGRIMAGE

Come and walk with us

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WORCESTER

COVENTRY

PETERBOROUGH

The Heart of England Pilgrimage: 10 - 25 August 2024

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?
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