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Our Parish Vision

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

It is the things that come out of a
man that make him unclean



*Garden of Grace, 2011
Thomas Kinkade (1958-2012),
Oil on canvas*

From Sunday's Gospel: Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

Reflection

Sometimes we tell ourselves that our sin is the result of someone else or of something outside of us but Jesus is placing the responsibility of our actions firmly back on us. The issue is not outside of oneself, but inside oneself. It is an issue of the heart. But that is also where the solution lies: in the very depth of our heart God dwells, and when we fling wide open the gates to let Him take over, our hearts can be healed.

So by opening the gates of our hearts to Christ, we let in the light, as illustrated in the painting by Thomas Kinkade whose wish had always been that his artwork would be a messenger of hope and inspiration to others.



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Masses for week beginning 1 September 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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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 September 2024

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

Sunday 9.00am Ken & Maureen Holmes RIP

11.00am Michael Ruane RIP; Christopher Joyce.

12.15pm Baptism

6.30pm Delfin Freitas RIP

Weekdays

Cycle B; Breviary week 2

Mon 2 9.15am Herminya Lay---Thanksgiving

Feria

Tues 3 9.15am Lay Fu Siang RIP

St Gregory the Great, Pope

Wed 4 9.15am Nebio Martins RIP

Feria

Thurs 5 No Mass

Feria

Fri 6 9.15am Santana Cardoso RIP

Feria

Sat 7 10.00am Frederico da Costa RIP

Feria

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 September 2024

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

Sunday 9.00am Rosalia de Jesus

11.00am Joao Baptista RIP

6.30pm Siluvai Jebamalai

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 7 September 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 the August extracts from John Chapter 6, the Lectionary returns to the Gospel of Mark. The criticism of the Pharisees about Jesus not washing according to the correct rituals leads to a denunciation of external show as opposed to interior renewal (Gospel: Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23). The aim of continual inner renewal – to become wise in love of God and neighbor - is always there behind the laws of Deuteronomy (First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2.6-8). St. James' Letter is particularly focused on living out the faith rather than mere words (Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27).

Monday 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Ps 118; Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday 1 Thessalonians 2:2-8; Ps 95; Mathew 16:13-19
Wednesday 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Ps 32; Luke 4:38-44
Thursday 1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Ps 23; Luke 5:1-11
Friday 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Ps 36; Luke 5:33-39
Saturday 1 Corinthians 4:6-15; Ps 144; Luke 6:1-5

Responsorial Psalm meditation: "Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?" (Ps 14/15:1).

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

Parish Pastoral Council – your views?

The next meeting is on Saturday 7 September and we are keen to hear your views and suggestions. Do feel free to complete one of the 'Suggestions for Pastoral Council' slips at the back of the church and put it in the 'Suggestions for Pastoral Council Box', or **CLICK HERE** to e-mail Maureen O'Neill (the Secretary) directly by Sunday 1 September: maureen@maoneilloxford.com (with 'Pastoral Council' in the subject line).



Today! after 11am Mass: Meet and Eat in the Parish Hall!!!

Enjoy a Starter **Menikmati** from East Timor and drinks. This is an opportunity to meet other parishioners over a light snack and **makanan** a drink before going home for Sunday lunch. **Timor Timur!**

NEXT Journey of Faith meeting - Discernment

Monday, 9 September 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. Information from Sharon and Martin at martin.taylor@merton.ox.ac.uk or **CLICK HERE**

Advance Notice: OLL Diamond Jubilee

This year we celebrate the **60th Anniversary of the First Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wheatley**. An event is being planned for Saturday 28 September after the 6.00pm Mass. More details to follow.

Corpus Christi for a Fairer World

The **next meeting of the Justice and Peace Group** will be on Wednesday 4 September at 7.30pm at Corpus Christi (probably in the Quiet Room - or hall if available).

Oxford CAFOD Supporters day

Wednesday 18 September 10.30am-12.30 (tea/coffee 10am)
St Anthony of Padua Church Hall, Headley Way, OX3 7SS
All welcome. Meet volunteers from other parishes and learn more about the inspiring work of CAFOD.

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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If you pay tax on your income, please complete a Gift Aid form and the church can claim the tax you have paid - so every £4 becomes £5. You do not need to tell your employer - it is all done automatically by the Diocesan Office and individuals are not named.

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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 Vuddamalay.

those who have died:

those whose anniversary occurs this week: Charlton Edward Evans, Laura Janet Bianchini.

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.

SUNDAY
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On Sunday 1 December, the translation of the scriptures at Mass will change to the English Standard Version (Catholic Edition), and the Abbey Psalter.

The Parish will be buying 20 copies of the Sunday Missal which will be available at £15 when they are published on 21 November. If you would like to buy a copy please put your name on the list at back of Church.

If you want to pre-order a copy on-line, you can do so on Amazon at £18.99. **CLICK HERE** (**BEWARE**, the old translation is also called The New Translation of the Order of Mass for Sundays, 2012. It is selling on Amazon at £14.38 but it is NOT the ESV version.)

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**Pope at Audience:
World must heed cries
of migrants dying in
deserts and seas**

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REPORT

At the weekly Audience, Pope Francis decried indifference in the face of migrants who die crossing deserts and seas in search of a better life, and called for global system of governance based on justice and solidarity.

March for Life 7 September 7, 1.30 to 4.30pm The Emmanuel Centre, London SW1P 3DW.

Like last year we invite participants to join an Oxford contingent travelling down on the bus together and if anyone wants information about that they should **CLICK HERE** (<https://prolifecommunityoxford.org.uk/m4l/>)

The Emmanuel Centre will host talks from 10am and at 11am there will be a special Mass attended by 4 bishops at Southwark Cathedral.

