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Our Parish Vision

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

## Many of the disciples left Jesus



Going to Work, 1943

L S Lowry (1887-1976), Oil on canvas

### From Sunday's Gospel: John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it .....

.....Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.'

**After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.**

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

### Reflection

After Jesus explained that He was the bread of life, 'many of his disciples left him.' Maybe they were just confused and preferred to go about their daily work (Lowry Painting), instead of trying to understand what He was saying? Maybe they were just in shock. Maybe we can understand that some might have felt scandalised? Jesus even had to ask His own Twelve Apostles if they too wanted to walk away.

So that question is also addressed to us directly: 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' It is a sentence that resonates at times when we see the scandals of past years, and people leave the Church. But it is in these moments that Christ is asking us to stick with Him, to walk with Him and His Church. The temptation to flee our Christian duties is at times very real and even attractive. But it is in those moments when we are asked to keep a deep commitment going, that we draw the closest to God.



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## Masses for week beginning 25 August 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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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)

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 August 2024

Saturday 6.00pm @ Our Lady of Lourdes: People of the Parish  
Sunday 9.00am Gordon Curtis RIP  
11.00am Jose Antonio Cardoso RIP  
6.30pm

## Weekdays

Cycle B; Breviary week 1

Mon 26 9.15am	Julia Cichy	Blessed Dominic Barberi
Tues 27 9.15am	Salvador Gomes RIP	St Monica
Wed 28 9.15am	Salvador Fernandes RIP	St Augustine
Thurs 29	No Mass	The Passion of Saint John the Baptist
Fri 30 9.15am	Jim McGrath RIP	Feria
Sat 31 10.00am	Domingas Amelia RIP	Feria

## 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.  
12.00Noon Baptism  
6.30pm Delfin Freitas RIP

**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

The Lord's teaching in the Synagogue about the Bread of Life leads to many walking away from him because they cannot accept this truth. But the Twelve have the opposite response and stick to their Master (Gospel: John 6:60-69). Joshua asks the tribes to make a similar choice – either for or against the One God (First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18). St. Paul uses the human relationship between husband and wife (with elements that are culturally conditioned) to teach the relationship between Christ and his Church (Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32).

<b>Monday</b>	1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Ps 116; Mark 1:14-20
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Thessa 2:1-3,14-17; Ps 95; Matt 23:23-26
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Thessa 3:6-10,16-18; Ps 127; Matt 23:27-32
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Ps 144; Mark 6:17-29
<b>Friday</b>	1 Corinth 1:17-25; Ps 32; Matthew 25:1-13
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Corinth 1:26-31; Ps 32; Matthew 25:14-30

**Responsorial Psalm meditation:** 'The Lord is close to the broken hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save' (Ps 33/34:18).

## 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

### 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).

### Sunday 1 September, after 11am Mass Meet and Eat in the Parish Hall!!

Enjoy a Starter and drinks

This is an opportunity to meet other parishioners over a light snack and a drink before going home for Sunday lunch.

### 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**



**Family Day Out?  
Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington  
Hall, Kidderminster DY10 4LR  
Sunday 1 September, 1pm - 5pm  
Mass at 3pm  
CLICK FOR DETAILS**

### 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.**

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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 Busette, 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:** Manuel Marco.

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).

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**Pope at Audience:  
Jesus' Baptism marks  
a key moment in  
salvation history**

**During his weekly General Audience, Pope Francis continued his catechesis series on the Holy Spirit, reflecting this week on Jesus' Baptism and the Holy Spirit's anointing of the Son of God.**

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**Archbishop Bernard encourages  
us to respond to the Call of  
Creation - CLICK FOR VIDEO**



**Responding  
to the Call  
of Creation  
Newsletter**

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**MINI-RETREAT FOR  
SPIRITUAL RENEWAL  
31st August 10.00-1.00 ON ZOOM**

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**"Bear the Fruit  
of the Spirit"**

**Our transformed lives will help other people  
MAIN TALK BY MARIA HEATH**



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