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Our Parish Vision

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

Do not work for food  
that cannot last



Still-Life with Fruit, Nuts and Cheese,  
Floris van Dyck (1575 - 1651),  
Oil on canvas; Frans Hals Museum, Netherlands

From Sunday's Gospel: John 6:24-35

... When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'.....'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.

**Reflection on the Painting**

Floris Van Dyck's painting depicts food we might turn to if we are hungry. That is the type of inclination Jesus wants us to have in the spiritual life: if we have a worry, offer it to God; if we want to spend time reflecting, let's pop into church, etc... Jesus is there and always ready to satisfy our spiritual hunger. But the spiritual need is often less obvious. It is only when we are aware of a spiritual hunger and thirst within us, that we can grow to spiritual fullness. And that is what Jesus is asking of us today: to be aware of our spiritual lives and 'to work for food that endures to eternal life'.

Masses for week beginning 4 August 2024

Year B

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

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

**Today! Meet and Eat after 11am Mass - All Welcome**  
**Tangkilikin ang lutuing Filipino! See overleaf....**

6.30pm Siluvai Jebamalai RIP



Weekdays

Cycle B; Breviary week 2

Mon 5	9.15am	Margaret Dore	Feria
Tues 6	9.15am	Santina Coutinho RIP	Transfiguration of the Lord
Wed 7	9.15am	Carole Liddiard & Sheila Currel RIP	Feria
	10.30am	Convalidation	
Thur 8	No Mass		St Dominic, Priest
Fri 9	9.15am	Tommy Dore	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Sat 10	10.00am	Santina Coutinho RIP	St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr
	12 noon	Baptism	

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 August 2024

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

Sunday 9.00am Patrick Hull RIP

11.00am The Laudate Fellowship - 4th Anniversary

12.15pm Baptism

6.30pm Siluvai Jebamalai RIP

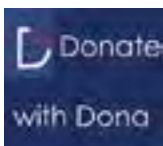
**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 10.30 am to 11am and on call.

**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 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.



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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

After the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus goes to the Synagogue in Capernaum and teaches the significance of the food that he gives. The people ask for a sign and he points to himself as the true bread of life (Gospel: John 6:24-35). After the Exodus, the people of Israel, wandering in the wilderness, are fed by the Lord with the manna and the quails (First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4,12-15). St. Paul urges wholehearted focus on the Lord for a new way of life (Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

**Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'He rained down manna for their food and gave them bread from heaven' (Ps 77/78:24).**

<b>Monday</b>	Jeremiah 28:1-17; Ps 118; Matthew 14:13-21
<b>Tuesday</b>	Dan 7:9-10,13-14 or 2 Peter 1:16-19; Ps 96; Mark 9:2-10
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jeremiah 31:1-7; Jer 31; Matthew 15:21-28
<b>Thursday</b>	Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ps 50; Matthew 16:13-23
<b>Friday</b>	Hosea 2:16-17, 21-22; Ps 44; Matthew 25:1-13
<b>Saturday</b>	2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Ps 111; John 12:24-26

## 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  
[CLICK HERE](#)

### TODAY! 4 August, after 11am Mass



#### Meet and Eat in the Parish Hall!!

This month: Enjoy a Filipino 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 - Trusting in God Monday, 12 August 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](mailto:martin.taylor@merton.ox.ac.uk) or [CLICK HERE](#)

Join us for a:

Oxford Pro-Life  
SOCIALS

**SATURDAY**  
**10**  
**AUGUST**

**SUMMER**

**1PM - 4PM**

**BBQ**

Garden of SS  
Gregory & Augustine  
322 Woodstock Road  
OX2 7NS

An opportunity for young people (aged 16-35) from across the UK to grow in their relationship with God, form friendships and be inspired to live out their faith!

Ampleforth Abbey  
York  
YO62 4EN

YOUTH 2000  
**SUMMER**  
**FESTIVAL**  
23RD - 26TH AUGUST 2024

[CLICK HERE](#)  
for more  
details

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

### Pope at Angelus: Savour God's everyday miracles



At the Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis reflected on the Day's Gospel which recounted the Lord's miracle of the loaves and the fishes, and invited all faithful to recognize and give thanks for all the ways the Lord blesses us with His daily graces.

[CLICK FOR MORE DETAILS](#) and VIDEO

### Pope's August prayer intention for political leaders

In August, the Holy Father invites the faithful to join him in prayer "that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking caring of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poorest." [CLICK HERE](#) for details

**GIFT AID** 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.

[CLICK HERE](#) to receive by email further information on Standing Orders and Gift Aid.

### 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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