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# CORPUS CHRISTI

ST. ALPHONSUS AND ST. MARGARET RC CHURCH

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Our Parish Vision

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

Jesus said 'Ephphatha', and the  
man's ears were opened



Self-Portrait as a Deaf Man, 1775  
Sir Joshua Reynolds (1723-1792), Oil on canvas  
Tate Britain, London

From Sunday's Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

... And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly.

#### Reflection

Joshua Reynolds went deaf in later life but he thought that his deafness made him 'see' more clearly. It heightened his sense of seeing and therefore he could be a better painter (unfortunately three years before his death, he also lost the sight in his left eye.)

We all can sometimes be deaf to hearing God. We have ears, but we don't really (want to) listen. It is something from which we all suffer at times.

Jesus' opening of the man's ears suggests our need for the Lord to open our own ears more fully to really listen to his word.



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Masses for week beginning 8 September 2024 Year B

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TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION  
SEASON OF CREATION 2024  
Small actions make a difference

As a Live Simply Parish,  
we are going to collect  
used ink cartridges  
- see over

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

Weekdays

Cycle B; Breviary week 3

Mon 9	9.15am	Lay Lu Tcheu RIP	Feria
Tues 10	9.15am	Oswaldo Da Silva RIP	Feria
Wed 11	9.15am	Fatima da Silva Lay RIP	Feria
Thurs 12	No Mass		Feria
Fri 13	9.15am	Carole Liddiard & Sheila Currel RIP	St. John Chrysostom
Sat 14	10.00am		Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 September 2024

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

Sunday 9.00am Patrick Francis Heenan  
11.00am Carminda da Costa RIP  
6.30pm Josephine McAtamney 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

One of the signs of the Messianic age is the healing of the disabled, something that Jesus does frequently, as today in the Gospel. The crowd are full of admiration but really cannot perceive that Jesus is more than a miracle worker (Gospel: Mark 7:31-37). Isaiah looks forward to the Messianic age – the healing of nature as well as human beings (First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7). James is very clear about not judging others by external standards (Second Reading: James 2:1-5).

<b>Monday</b>	1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Ps 5; Luke 6:6-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Ps 149; Luke 6:12-19
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Ps 44; Luke 6:20-26
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Corint 8:1-7, 11-13; Ps 138; Luke 6:27-38
<b>Friday</b>	1 Corint 9:16-19, 22-27; Ps 83; Luke 6:39-42
<b>Saturday</b>	Num 21:4-9 or Phil 2:6-11; Ps 77; John 3:13-17

Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'The Lord will reign for ever and ever, Zion's God from age to age' (Ps 145/146:10).

## 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

### 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](#)

### Our next Live Simply Challenge

#### SEASON OF CREATION - Care for the Planet

Next two weekends - Collection of Used Ink Cartridges

Recycle for Charity - we have chosen CAFOD

300 million cartridges are sold in Europe each year but only 15% are recycled. Please bring used cartridges to church and place them in the boxes provided.

Saturday 14  
September



Ride and Stride is an annual sponsored event held by the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust to raise funds for grants they make to churches throughout the year. Everyone is welcome to take part – as an individual, as a family or as a group of friends, on bikes, by foot or any means you choose. The sponsorship money you raise may be split between the Trust and Corpus Christi/Our Lady of Lourdes. [CLICK HERE](#) to register to take part and find further information. rideandstrideoxon@ohct.org.uk

## PILGRIMAGE FOR THE PLANET

Laudato Si and Christian Climate Action



Oxford Sunday 15 September  
11.30am - 2pm

As part of the Season of Creation, the Laudato Si Circle at Blackfriars are collaborating with CCA in planning a short 'Pilgrimage for the Planet' and invite anyone interested to join us. [Click here for details.](#)

### Pockets of Poverty: Education and Disadvantage A talk by Lyndsey Caldwell (Head, Greyfriars School)

Sunday 22 September 2024, 10.45am-12noon

The Aula, Blackfriars Priory, St Giles, OX1 3LY

Ruskin's 'dreaming spires' summon images of the Oxford landscape and its educational history -- beauty and ambition inextricably linked through its architecture. Globally, Oxford as a city is associated with wealth, education, elitism and tradition. For some, it is a city of aspiration: for others, it is a city of walls. This talk looks at some of the structural inequality that there is in the city and how this can be alleviated through education, particularly, through Catholic education.

### Corpus Christi for a Fairer World.

#### 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.

## 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.

**those who have died:**

**those whose anniversary occurs this week:** Janet Bianchini, Joaquim da Cruz, Manuel Marco, Odile Hughes, Pamela Deeley.

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).



## OLL Diamond Jubilee 60th Anniversary of the First Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wheatley.

Celebration Mass 6pm Saturday 28 September  
followed by

Sit-down Bring and Share Supper  
at the Merry Bells Village Hall.

Parishioners from Corpus Christi, especially those who are regular or occasional worshippers at Our Lady of Lourdes, are very warmly welcome to join us. **We need to know numbers** so please email [corpus.OLL.news@gmail.com](mailto:corpus.OLL.news@gmail.com) ([CLICK HERE](#)) to let us know number in group or family and whether you will bring Main or Dessert to share.

## Pope at mosque in Indonesia: May we cultivate friendship as pilgrims on our way to God



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Pope Francis visited Indonesia's Istiqlal Mosque in Jakarta for an interreligious meeting, and paid tribute to the people's "great gift" of working for dialogue, mutual respect, and harmonious coexistence, to which we are all called.

**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.)

## 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](#)