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Pope Leo and his Coat of Arms

**At his gate was a poor man named
Lazarus, covered with sores**

The Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man, 1620
 Domenico Fetti (1589 - 1623) Oil on panel
 National Gallery of Art, Washington



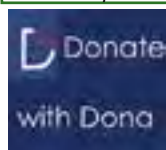
From today's Gospel, Luke 16:19-31

'There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.

Reflection

The tragedy of the story is the complete lack of compassion of the rich man. He never noticed Lazarus, but God did. In death, Lazarus was carried to a banquet in heaven, honoured at Abraham's side, while the rich man found himself cut off, even denied a drop of water. The message is sharp: the rich man had the means to change Lazarus' life before death, but his focus on worldly pleasures left him spiritually blind. Jesus is reminding us that each of us, in our own way, can make a difference.

In the painting: The figure standing closest to us is Lazarus, in the bottom right. The dogs are licking his sores. He is looking onto the lavish display, without even being thrown a crumb. He is excluded and simply waiting for someone to show some compassion.



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Masses for week beginning 28 September 2025 Year C

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Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Ruth Kennell and Pam Coote.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocesan policies & procedures at all times.

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 28 September 2025

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

Sunday 9.00am Panfilo Mamaraldo RIP Anniversary

11.00am Francis William Jasper Scovil RIP

6.30pm Antonio Araujo RIP

**SECOND
COLLECTION**



Weekdays Cycle C Breviary week 4

Mon 29 9.15am Edmundo B. Soares RIP Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

Tue 30 9.15am Steffie - Thanksgiving St Jerome, Doctor of the Church

Wed 1 9.15am Gertie McCloskey St Therese of Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of Church

Thur 2 No morning Mass The Holy Guardian Angels

Fri 3 9.15am Maria da Silva RIP Feria

Sat 4 10.00am St Francis of Assisi

12.00Noon Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick (Coordinated by SVP)

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5 October 2025



Family Fast Day Weekend

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

Sunday 9.00am Jenifer Ledesma RIP

11.00am Michael McHugh

followed by CAFOD Meet and Eat Soup Lunch

3.00pm Filipino Mass

6.30pm Manuel Soares Pinto

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

BENEDICTION: most Fridays after Mass.

NEXT BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP - Saturday 5 October after 10am Mass and afterwards on the 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.

Young Adults Group - 1st Sunday of month after 6.30pm Mass

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The parable of the rich man (Dives) and Lazarus is unique to Luke and expresses the Evangelist's emphasis on those who are materially poor. The gap between them and the unjust rich is continued in the afterlife, but, of course, with the fortunes totally reversed (Gospel: Luke 16:19-31). Amos again does not spare his condemnations of the thoughtless rich (First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7). St. Paul encourages Timothy to be fearless in his witness to Christ (Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16).

Responsorial Psalm: 'It is the Lord who does justice to those who are oppressed' (Ps 146:7).

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or Apoc 12:7-12; Ps 137; John 1:47-51

Tuesday Zechariah 8:20-23; Ps 86; Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday Nehemiah 2:1-8; Ps 136; Luke 9:57-62

Thursday Nehemiah 8:1-12; Ps 18; Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Friday Baruch 1:15-22; Ps 78; Luke 10:13-16

Saturday Baruch 4:5-22, 12, 27-29; Ps 68; Luke 10:17-24

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



Second Collection This Weekend Fr Hudson's Caritas

As the Social Care Agency of the Archdiocese, we aim to continue to sustain the services we provide and extend these when needed. Also, to respond collaboratively through new local initiatives within our five themes [CLICK FOR WEBSITE](#)

September is SVP Awareness Month

MASS FOR HEALING - COORDINATED BY SVP NEXT SATURDAY - 12 noon

Open to All in any kind of need, Please contact Parish Office if you need transport 01865 762433.



The SVP's motto is 'Turning Concern into Action' and our visits and support are a very real way of doing this. Members of the SVP sit side-by-side with individuals and families who are in need. [CLICK FOR FLYER](#)

If you know of a person in need who would benefit from our support or would like to get involved, please contact us. [CLICK HERE](#) to contact us or via Parish Office 01865 762433



FAMILY FAST DAY next weekend

Join us in the Parish Hall after the

11am Mass for Meet and Eat
This month, it's the CAFOD Soup Lunch
[CLICK HERE TO DONATE TO CAFOD](#)

Thursday Lunch Club (TLC)

1st and 3rd Thursdays in Corpus Christi Hall for retired people living alone in Headington, of any faith or none.

The excellent 2 course, home-cooked meal costs £6, and there is a free raffle. New members welcome. Lifts may be arranged. To enquire or to arrange a trial visit, ring Anne Tarassenko 07443 652082. You can also ring her if you can spare some time to help - you can join a friendly team of helpers - driving, cooking, serving or washing up once a month.



Can you Help? New Premises Needed!

The OBB needs new premises for their important work hosting the Baby Bank. If you know of a suitable room - perhaps at a church or school, in or near to OX4 - please get in touch by emailing oxfordbabybank@gmail.com. [CLICK HERE](#)

Oxford Community Emergency Foodbank

Please continue to bring Foodbank donations

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: Antony Ayton, Patricia Barfield, Marian & Roger Biss, Margaret Bond, Alan & Rita Booker, Christopher Browne, Pedro Busette, Ranjith Dhan, David Diggins, Alejandro Estuita, Maureen Felix, Philomena Garvey, Yvonne Goonesekera, Antoinette Harvie, Sue Holbrook, Mario Kim, Michael and Esther Kuforiji. Theresa Johnson, Cynthia Lobendhan, Victoria Maceda, Carmel McGarry, R.J. Matava, Averil Nathaniels, Melani Parana, Celine Peiris, Eardley Perera, Maxwell Rogers, Angela Scott-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: Shaun Francis McCarthy,

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.

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Pope at Audience: Jesus redeems darkest places of human existence

At the General Audience, Pope Leo reflected on Jesus' descent into the underworld on Holy Saturday to bring light to the darkness of human existence.

A Day with Mary [CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)

SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER, 10.00am - 5.30pm

Blessed Dominic Barberi, Earley Near Reading.

Newman Night Walk - Oxford to Littlemore

Wednesday 8 October [CLICK FOR DETAILS](#)

Begins 7.15pm The Oxford Oratory;

Candlelight Procession begins at 9pm from Rose Hill

PILGRIMAGE FOR THE PLANET

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Starts 11.15am Blackfriars Priory

Ends 2pm St Frideswides Church, Botley Road

Sunday 28th September 2025

Oxford

Laudato Si' Movement

Catholics for Common Home

Climate Christian Action

Wheatley Refugee Support Group

in association with

Wheatley for Palestine

presents

Thursday 2 October

The Merry Bells

Wheatley, 7.15 for 7.30pm

NO OTHER LAND

An OSCAR-winning documentary offering a powerful view of destruction in the West Bank.

Free Admission - Glass of wine

Donations to Médecins sans Frontières



Car parking: We have had more complaints from neighbours about bad parking and driveways being blocked. Please park legally and courteously.

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BY TUESDAY EVENING before the weekend.

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