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Pope Leo and his Coat of Arms

The parable of the unjust judge



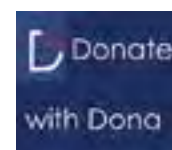
*The Parable of the Unjust Judge, 1628
Pieter de Grebber (1600-1652), Oil on panel
Szépművészeti Múzeum, Budapest*

From today's Gospel, Luke 18:1-8

...There was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, "Give me justice against my adversary." For a while he refused, but afterwards he said to himself, "Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming." And the Lord said, 'Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night?'

Reflection

The judge was repeatedly approached by a poor widow who was seeking justice and he eventually honoured her request. De Grebber's painting illustrates the moment after the judge has given judgment in her favour. As a widow, she wears a black veil but has a white dress underneath, a symbol of hope or resilience. Her life is about to change. The judge points at his law books. She holds a book, closed: her legal matter is closed.... The temptation to lose heart is always with us. In today's Gospel, it was that temptation of believers to lose heart that Jesus had in mind when he spoke his parable. Here was a woman who had steadfast faith and Jesus puts her before us as a model of persevering faith in the face of almost insurmountable obstacles. The primary way we can keep faithful when times are difficult is through prayer.



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Masses for week beginning 19 October 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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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 19 October 2025



Brendan Metcalfe, Chief Executive of FHL, will speak after 9am and 11am Masses.

Second collection for Friends of the Holy Land

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

Sunday 9.00am Lubie Hernaez

11.00am Josefino Mabanta RIP anniversary

12.15pm Baptism

6.30pm Placido & Antonio de Araujo RIP

Weekdays Cycle C Breviary week 1

Mon 20	9.15am	Immanuel Inancio Guterres RIP	Feria
Tue 21	9.15am	Bendito & Ave Maria De Jesus -Birthday	Feria
	7.00pm	Vespers at Our Lady, Help of Christians for Opening of the Deanery Visitation	
Wed 22	7.30am	Kurt Marcelle RIP	Feria
Thur 23	No morning Mass		Feria
Fri 24	7.30am	Inacia & Albertina Guterres--Birthday	Feria
Sat 25	10.00am	Christopher Sawyer RIP; 12 noon Baptism	Feria

**NB MASS TIME
7.30am Wed & Fri**

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 26 October 2025

World Mission Sunday

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

Sunday 9.00am Joyce Weekes RIP

11.00am Jose (Anico) RIP

12.15pm Baptism

6.30pm Maria & Julieta Castro de Araujo RIP

ADVANCE NOTICE Mass for all the Faithful departed, 10am Saturday 1 November

followed by **Blessing of Graves**, Headington Cemetery 11.30am.

Please contact the Parish office about blessing of graves at other cemeteries.

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

BENEDICTION: most Fridays after Mass.

NEXT BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP - Saturday 1 November 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.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The Parable of the widow and the judge is unique to Luke and picks up two of the emphases of the Gospel: prayer and the poor. As it explains, it is the Lord encouraging his disciples never to stop prayer and hoping (Gospel: Luke 18:1-8). A similar story of persistence is found in the propping up of Moses' arms so that the blessings are given to Israel (First Reading: Exodus 16:8-13). St. Paul reminds Timothy about the power of the Sacred Scriptures (Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2)

Responsorial Psalm: 'My help shall come from the Lord, who made heaven and earth' (Ps 121:1).

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday	Romans 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Luke 12:13-21
Tuesday	Romans 5:12,15,17-21; Ps 39; Luke 12:35-38
Wednesday	Romans 6:12-18; Ps 123; Luke 12:39-48
Thursday	Romans 6:19-23; Ps 1; Luke 12:49-53
Friday	Romans 7:18-25; Ps 118; Luke 54-59
Saturday	Romans 8:1-11; Ps 23; Luke 13:1-9

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



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Brendan Metcalfe, CEO of Friends of the Holy Land who will speak after 9am and 11am Masses.



Today at Corpus Christi (29 November at OLL)

Sale of Olive Wood products and Christmas Cards from Bethlehem by Friends of the Holy Land.

NEXT SUNDAY WE WILL CELEBRATE WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Pope Leo to every parish: 'Take part in World Mission Sunday'

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Thank you from CAFOD

The Harvest Fast Day Collection amounted to **£1325.69 PLUS** the many donations sent through the QR Code and the website link.



Christmas Concert
Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday 13 December, 3pm



Choral Music performed by our newly formed 'Village Voices', Parishioners of OLL, Corpus Christi and St. Anthony's.

Music will also include a selection of carols for the audience and choir to sing together and some solo numbers. Wine and nibbles provided at the end. All proceeds donated to the Friends of the Holy Land.

CAN YOU SING? Would you like to join our choir to sing 3 or 4 Christmas choral numbers on the day? Rehearsals are generally on Saturday afternoons at Our Lady of Lourdes at 4pm. Please contact Cyd for details on: cydwaters@hotmail.com (CLICK HERE) or 07714 631098

Preparations to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Sacrament of Confirmation

Application Forms are available at the back of the Church.

Candidates for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion must be from year 3 and above.

The date to receive the Sacrament is Saturday 13 June 2026 at 6.00pm

Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation must be from year 6 and above,

The date to receive the Sacrament is Sunday 14 June 2026 at 9.00am, 11.00am and 6.30pm.

Sr Marie-Ann

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, Maureen Felix, Philomena Garvey, Yvonne Goonesekara, 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.

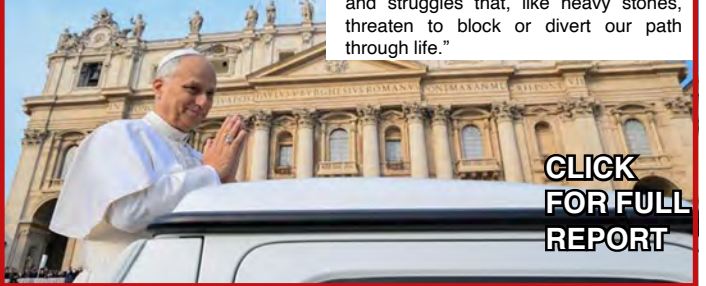
those who have died: Christopher Sawyer, Alejandro B. Estimita.

those whose anniversary occurs this week: Ena Bowler, Faith Lucy Tolkein, John Mongan, Kathleen Hill, Michael Butler, Sarah Christine Pavia, Shila Fulham.

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.

Pope at Audience: Despite everything, Jesus sustains us

"To journey with Jesus means to experience being sustained despite everything—to have our thirst quenched and to be refreshed amid the hardships and struggles that, like heavy stones, threaten to block or divert our path through life."



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Visitation of Oxford North Deanery

As for each Deanery in the Diocese, every few years there is a formal Visitation by the Archbishop, Area Bishop and Vicar General. For us, it will take place in the next few weeks. The Visitation begins with an Opening Ceremony (Vespers and Adoration) at

**Our Lady Help of Christians, Hollow Way,
Tuesday 21 October at 7.00pm.**

**Parish visitation Weekend Saturday &
Sunday 1 & 2 November**

Bishop Richard Walker will spend the weekend with us at Corpus Christi and Our Lady of Lourdes as part of the visitation.

AN AUTUMN EVENING CONCERT FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER, 7.30pm
featuring Harpist Becki Luff of "Moonrakers" and other musicians.

A fundraising event in aid of Falcon School, Zimbabwe and Oasis of Peace Village, Israelorganised by Wheatley United Reformed Church.

Donations at the door - wine and soft drinks served.

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

THOU SHALT NOT PARK BADLY

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

For items to be included in the newsletter, please email the editor at corpus.OLL.news@gmail.com

BY TUESDAY EVENING before the weekend.
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