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Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for
March 2026

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward
effective disarmament, particularly
nuclear disarmament, and that world
leaders choose the path of dialogue
and diplomacy instead of violence.

Blessed is the one who comes in
the name of the Lord!



A polychrome painted Palmesel,
Germany, 15th Century; Limewood with paint
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

From today's opening Gospel, Matthew 21:1-11
'Go into the village in front of you, and immediately
you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie
them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to
you, you shall say, "The Lord needs them", and he will
send them at once.' This took place to fulfil what was
spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Say to the daughter of
Sion, "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and
mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of
burden."'

They brought the donkey and the colt and put on
them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the
crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut
branches from the trees and spread them on the road.
And the crowds that went before him and that followed
him were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!'

The Medieval Sculpture of the Palmesel
(which means palm donkey) refers to the statue
of Jesus on a donkey. The sculpture, mounted
on a wheeled platform, would have been part
of Palm Sunday processions in many German-
speaking regions until the Reformation. Who
would think that the crowds which welcomed
Jesus with such enthusiasm when he entered
Jerusalem, would turn against him so quickly
within days and demand his crucifixion? Their
welcome for Jesus was superficial. Who are we
in the crowd?



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Week beginning

Sunday 29 March 2026

YEAR A

Parish Priest: Very Rev. Canon Mervyn Tower 88 Wharton Road, Oxford, OX3 8AJ. 01865 762433

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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.

Ruth and Pam can be contacted at sg.corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk. Alternatively contact the
Diocesan Safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 (safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

29 March 2026

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

Sunday 9.00am Victor Gapay RIP 6th Anniversary

11.00am Bill and Bridget McCarthy RIP

6.30pm Elsa Andrade RIP

Weekdays

Breviary week 2

Mon 30 9.15am Kazimierz Lukasik RIP

Monday of Holy Week

Tues 31 9.15am Martinho Sequira RIP

Tuesday of Holy Week

Wed 1 8.00am Kazimierz Lukasik (RIP)

Wednesday of Holy Week

SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY 2 April

8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching until 11.00pm

11.00pm Compline

GOOD FRIDAY 3 April DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

On Good Friday, there is the traditional collection throughout the world for the Holy Places. Because
of the continued war and lack of pilgrims to the Holy Land, the Custody of the Holy Land and the Latin
Patriarchate need our support more than ever to uphold and maintain the Churches, schools, hospitals,
parishes and other projects helping the local Christians, the 'living stones' of the Land.

9.00am Morning Prayer & Office of Readings

10.00am Children's Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord

6.30pm Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY 4 April

9.00am Morning Prayer and Office of Readings

**WHEATLEY WALK
OF WITNESS**
9.30 am Stations of
Cross at OLL
10am Walk around
Village, starting at
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SATURDAY 8.00pm The Easter Vigil int. People of the Parish

EASTER SUNDAY 5 April 2025

Corpus Christi 9.00am

Rosie Meachin

11.00am

Volunteers at the Parish & the Lunch Club

6.30pm

Professor Sir Nicholas White

NB No Mass on EASTER SUNDAY at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wheatley

Next Charismatic Prayer Meeting in Quiet Room (off sacristy) Friday 1 May, 7.30pm (until ca. 8pm)

Next Bereavement Group Meeting Saturday 2 May after 10am Mass

Have you said **YES** to Gift Aid on DONA?

LAST WEEK more DONA donors Gift-Aided than said no to Gift Aid!
Grow the GREEN, let's make it 100%! [CLICK HERE to donate](#)



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

We trace the last week of Our Lord's earthly life, starting with the triumphal entry
into Jerusalem (Gospel for the procession: Matthew 21:1-11) and the proclamation
of the Passion. Matthew emphasizes the intense suffering of the Lord, the fulfilment
of the Scriptures and the apocalyptic events of His death (Gospel: Matthew 26:14-
27:66). The Servant suffers willingly, knowing that the Lord helps him (First Reading:
Isaiah 50:4-7). Christ emptied himself (the Divine *Kenosis*) leading to His exaltation
(Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11).

Responsorial Psalm: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me' (Ps 22:1).

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday

Isaiah 42: 1-7; Ps 26; John 12:1-11

Tuesday

Isaiah 49:1-6; Ps 70; John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

Isaiah 50:4-9; Ps 68; Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 115; 1 Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

Friday

Isa 52:13-53:12; Ps 30; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

Saturday

Lectionary :7 Readings and A Gospel passage

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Meeting 7 March 2026

The minutes of the meeting are posted on the Parish website

CLICK HERE <https://corpuschristiheadington.co.uk/ppc/>

Collections over Easter

Good Friday: the traditional collection throughout the world for **HOLY PLACES** provides for the Custody of the Holy Land. In this way we support the Latin Patriarchate to maintain Churches, schools, hospitals, parishes and other projects.

Easter Sunday: the collection is our personal Easter Offering to Fr Mervyn. *Please note that regular giving through Standing Orders (to the Parish) is **NOT** transferred to Fr Mervyn.* Easter offerings may be made through DONA.

Dates for your diary:

Next **Meet and Eat** - Sunday 3 May after 11am Mass

Journey of Faith - Next meeting Monday 11 May, 7.30pm, 202 London Road.

Pope at Audience: Church's hierarchy born from Christ to proclaim Gospel

Pope Leo said that the Church's hierarchy is not a "subsequent element with respect to the People of God," but rather a fundamental aspect that accompanied the birth of the Church. Jesus' first disciples—the Apostles—formed the community of those redeemed by Christ's Paschal Mystery, and were therefore established by Him "as a means of salvation for the world."



CLICK HERE FOR FULL ACCOUNT



Day of Healing at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Holloway, Cowley

Saturday 18 April, 10.30am - 4pm

Littleway Healing Ministries is holding the day led by Fr Kevin Dixon, Mrs Helen Callaghan and the Littleway Team. Join us for praise, prayer and testimonies. All are welcome, come for the day, bring a packed lunch, or just pop in. For more: info@littlewayhealingministries.com **CLICK HERE**

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

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, Aileen Vangramberg, Diana Walden, Mary Wallace, Liz Ward, Mai Wick, Louise Williams, Dorren McDonald, Nalen Vuddamala, Ramona Brillo.

those who have died: Mary (May) McGarrity, Nicholas John White, Mano Chanmugam

those whose anniversary occurs this week: Alice Walshe, Filomeno Martins, James Flynn, Mary Ann Nikey, Peter Heeley, Victor Gapay,

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.

Thankyou We appreciate everyone's positive response to the Finance Appeal and thank those who have collected envelopes containing the Gift Aid declaration and Standing Order mandate forms. **Please remember to return all completed forms to the Parish office.**

For those with existing Standing Orders who wish to increase their monthly contributions, this can be done either through online banking or directly at your bank.

Any questions, please email Shalini on pt.corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk

If you would like to make a new regular monthly contribution:

EITHER please take the standing order and gift aid declaration forms from the back of church or contact the Parish office for these forms. They can be returned to the Parish office FAO 'The Finance Committee'.

OR if you prefer to set it up on-line, and use your banking app to set up a standing order, which is very straightforward, please send email to corpus.standingorder@gmail.com [**CLICK HERE**] and details will be sent to you.

How does Gift Aid work? Check out this brief video

How does your pay packet relate to the Taxman and to your donation?

How you can increase your normal donations to the parish through Gift Aid (at no extra cost to you). Applies to all UK taxpayers



CLICK HERE FOR VIDEO

ON DONA, PLEASE SAY YES TO GIFT AID

Last week 54% of parishioners' DONA donations were gift-aided.

54 Gift-Aided (54%)

Help us to grow the Gift Aiders - become one!

47 Non Gift-Aided (46%)

Important information for Gift Aid on DONA

- DONA identifies the donor by the card number you have registered - if you have more than one card, you must use the same card each time you donate on DONA - or you will not be recognised! However, you can register more than card.
- If your card expires and you are sent a new card, it will have a different number so you will need to register the new card on DONA .
- It is easy to register your card(s) when you donate on the webpage (**CLICK HERE**) - it is then remembered if you donate on any DONA unit in Church.

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. **CLICK HERE**

HAVE YOU SAID YES TO GIFT AID ON DONA?