

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

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*A blessed Easter to you all.
 May the Risen Lord fill you, your families and friends with the love, peace, hope and joy of this wonderful season.*
F. Mervyn

Easter Sunday Alleluia! Alleluia!



*The Resurrection, ca. 1460
 Fresco, Piero della Francesca (1415-1492),
 Museo Civico, Sansepolcro*

Gospel, John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Reflection

By portraying Jesus as having one foot on the tomb, Piero della Francesca conveys how Christ conquered death. He is standing over four sleeping soldiers. The fresco should be read from left to right: the bare mature trees on the left now become (though the resurrection of Christ) the young, green, blossoming trees on the right. Also note the fertile landscape on the right compared to the left. The sleeping soldier in brown armour on Christ's right is a self-portrait of the artist.

Masses for weeks beginning 5 & 12 April 2026 Year A

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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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EASTER SUNDAY 5 April 2026 Year A The Solemnity of The Resurrection of The Lord

The Easter Vigil is at 8pm on Saturday People of the Parish

Corpus Christi	9.00am	Rosie Meachin
No Mass at OLL on Easter Sunday	11.00am	Volunteers at the Parish & the Lunch Club
	6.30pm	Professor Sir Nicholas White

EASTER WEEK Hours: For Easter days

Mon 6	10.00am	Geraldine Clarete - Birthday	Easter Monday, Solemnity
Tues 7	9.15am	Antonio Araujo RIP	Easter Tuesday, Solemnity
Wed 8	9.15am	Isaac Onabajo - Remission of Sins	Easter Wednesday, Solemnity
Thurs 9	No Mass		Easter Thursday, Solemnity
Fri 10	9.15am	Domingo Rafael Martins RIP	Easter Friday, Solemnity
Sat 11	10.00am	Sheila Jennings RIP	Easter Saturday, Solemnity

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 12 April 2025

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

Sunday 9.00am	Sandor Gergely RIP
11.00am	
6.30pm	Carlos Castro de Araujo RIP

Week beginning 13 April Breviary Week 2

Mon 13	9.15am	Beatrice Bradley	Easter Feria
Tues 14	9.15am	Alejandro Estuita RIP	Easter Feria
Wed 15	9.15am	Special Intention	Easter Feria
Thurs 16	No Mass		Easter Feria
Fri 17	9.15am	Aprigliano RIP anniversary	Easter Feria
Sat 18	10.00am	Arokiam RIP (Anniversary on 4 April)	Easter Feria
	12 Noon	Baptism	

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 19 April 2025

Sat 18 April	Sun 19 April	9.00am	People of the Parish
Vigil Mass at OLL 6.00pm		11.00am	Victor Manuel Thong
Tom Lafferty RIP		6.30pm	

The Easter Sunday Offertory Collection is the gift from Parishioners to the Parish Priest.
Please note: Offerings made by standing order to the Parish do NOT transfer to the Parish Priest

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

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The joy of the liturgy of Easter Day spills over into the next fifty days. Mary Magdalene announces the empty tomb to Peter and John and together they begin to understand the truth (Gospel: John 20:1-9). Peter proclaims the kernel of the faith in Jesus, the Risen Saviour and judge of all (First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43). Paul teaches how the power of the Risen Lord lives in the baptized (Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad' (Ps 118:24).

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 15; Matthew 28:8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 32; John 20:11-18
Wednesday	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 104; Luke 24:13-35
Thursday	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8; Luke 24:35-48
Friday	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 117; John 21:1-14
Saturday	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 117; Mark 16:9-15

Hans Memling's Scenes from the Passion of Christ

Memling weaves 19 moments from the Passion, the Resurrection and three subsequent encounters with the risen Christ into one single tableau:

The man in prayer in black in the bottom left is Tommaso Portinari who commissioned the painting. Top left - Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey; above Tommaso the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prays and three apostles sleep; bottom left the arrest of Jesus; flagellation of Jesus (dead centre); beneath it, the making of the cross; bottom right Simon of Cyrene helps carry the cross; top centre right the crucifixion; right, one third down, the entombment (on left) and Resurrection to the right. Top right in distance - on the road to Emmaus. Copies of the painting can be purchased [CLICK HERE](#). Cheapest 30cm x 20cm unframed poster is £8.46 + p&p; variety of sizes available.



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

Easter Sunday Collection for Fr Mervyn

By tradition, the Easter Sunday collection is a gift from Parishioners to the Parish Priest. [CLICK TO DONATE](#)

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Pope at Audience: Lay people help Church reach all and promote peace

Lay people's contribution, service and witness is essential to building a Church that reaches out to all and spreads the Gospel, along with justice, charity and peace, Pope Leo said during the Wednesday General Audience on April 1, 2026. "By virtue of Baptism, the lay faithful participate in the very priesthood of Christ."



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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](#)

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

those who have died: Nicholas John White, Mano Chanmugam
those whose anniversary occurs this week: Catherine Burns.

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.

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.

6 walkers from the Archdiocese, including Celia Deane-Drummond and Henry Curtis from our parish, will be walking the Camino in Spain to raise money for SVP. Walking a total of 300km, their final leg will be the Camino Ingles from Ferrol to Santiago de Compostela.

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SVP Fund Raising

[Sponsor Celia](#)

[Sponsor Henry](#)

EASTER THEMED CAKES - Sunday 26 April

On 26 April, the SVP Conference will be selling Easter-themed cakes and biscuits after Mass at Corpus Christi to support their fund raising.

Finance Appeal - Thank you. We appreciate the 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.

[CLICK HERE](#) to request details for setting up a new Standing Order and Gift Aid on line.



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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