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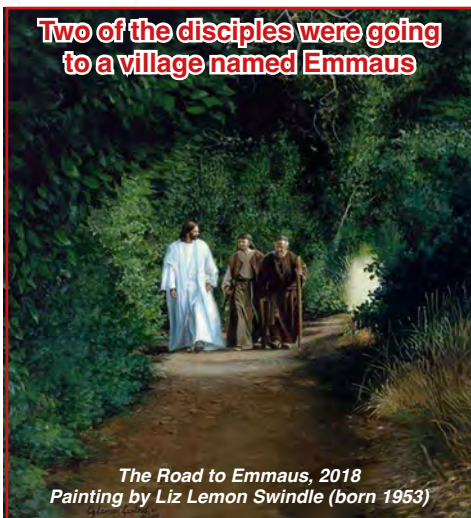


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*A blessed Easter to you all.
May the Risen Lord fill you, your families and friends with the love, peace, hope and joy of this wonderful season.*
Fr. Mervyn



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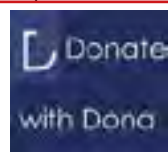
The Road to Emmaus, 2018
Painting by Liz Lemon Swindle (born 1953)

From today's Gospel, Luke 24:13-35

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. ... So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going further, but they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him.

Liz Lemon Swindle clothes Christ in a luminous... white post-resurrection garment, walking quietly alongside the two disciples in a setting of fresh green foliage. Sometimes we realise that we are walking in the wrong direction, sensing that we are moving away from where we should be; perhaps we should be staying... or turning back.... Is this what happens to the disciples as they make their way to Emmaus? They are walking away from Jerusalem, the very place where everything is about to change. The Cross has shattered their hopes, and in that heaviness, they forget the promise of resurrection. Then the risen Christ does something beautiful: he does not call them back from a distance, but walks with them in the wrong direction before he even speaks. A lesson for us when we see others walking in the wrong direction? Listen, accompany, and then, gently, help them find their way back.

For free daily Gospel readings and art reflections visit <https://christian.art/CLICK HERE>



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Week beginning Sunday 19 April 2026 YEAR A

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Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Ruth Kennell and Pam Coote.
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3rd Sunday of Easter 19 April 2026

Saturday 6.00pm@ Our Lady of Lourdes; Tom Lafferty RIP
Sunday 9.00am People of the Parish
11.00am Maria Fatima M Soares RIP
6.30pm Domingos Soares RIP

Weekdays Breviary Week 3

Mon 20	9.15am Adrian Geranco's Birthday	Easter Feria
Tues 21	9.15am Sandor Gergely RIP	Easter Feria
Wed 22	9.15am Thomson RIP and Chackochan RIP anniversaries	Easter Feria
Thurs 23	No Mass	St George, Martyr, Patron of England
Fri 24	9.15am Juvinal & Joana-- Wedding Anniversary	Easter Feria
Sat 25	10.00am Elena RIP	St. Mark Evangelist

4th Sunday of Easter 26 April 2026

Saturday 6.00pm@ Our Lady of Lourdes;
Sunday 9.00am Kieran Deegan RIP
11.00am
6.30pm People of the Parish

NEXT BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP - Saturday 2 May after 10am Mass and afterwards on the first Saturday in the month after morning Mass.

NEXT PARISH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP - Friday 1 May, 7.30pm.

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

Ecumenical Prayers by Zoom: shared prayers from whoever is there. **Every Monday at 11.00 and 19.00 for 20 minutes.** For zoom link and details, please **CLICK HERE**

Have you said YES to Gift Aid on DONA?
LAST WEEK 50% OF DONORS ON DONA SAID YES TO GIFT AID
Grow the GREEN, let's make it 100%! CLICK HERE to donate



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION Scripture Readings for the week ahead

The full account of the disciples on the road to Emmaus is unique to Luke who thereby highlights one of the emphases of the Gospel – that of the 'journey'. The gradual opening of the disciples' hearts is fulfilled when they reach their destination with the full revelation of the Risen Lord (Gospel: Luke 24:13-35). The Acts is peppered with speeches that quote from the Scriptures, as in the address of Peter on the Day of Pentecost (First Reading: Acts 2:14,22-33). In his writing, Peter continues the same theme of the centrality of Christ's death and Resurrection (Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21).

Monday	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 118; John 6:22-29
Tuesday	Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 30; John 6:30-35
Wednesday	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 65; John 6:35-40
Thursday	Rev 12:10-12a; Ps 125; 2 Tim 2:8-13, 3:10-12; Luke 9:23-26
Friday	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 116; John 6:52-29
Saturday	1 Peter 5:5-14; Ps 88; Mark 16:15-20

Responsorial Psalm: 'You will show me the path of life' (Ps 16:11).

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

++ Friends of the Holy Land Food Hamper Raffle

Support Christians in need in the Holy Land! Get your raffle tickets for this very worthwhile cause after every Mass this weekend. £1 per ticket, £5 a strip. Cash or card accepted. All proceeds to Friends of the Holy Land <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/>
CLICK HERE FOR FHL WEBSITE



NEXT SUNDAY 26 APRIL

Sale of Easter Cakes after Mass in support of SVP

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.

[CLICK HERE](#) Celia or Henry

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.

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.

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

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?

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 Uddamala, Ramona Brillo.

those who have died: Nicholas John White, Mano Chanmugam, Hannah Melhuish

those whose anniversary occurs this week: Edward Goble, Keith Carpenter, Nancy Johnson, Sandra McAvooy

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 in Algeria: 'God's heart is torn apart by wars, violence, injustice, lies'



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Pope Leo visited a care home for the elderly in Annaba, Algeria, and recalled that God's heart remains with those who are humble and seek peace in their daily lives.

On the 2nd day of his Apostolic Journey to Algeria, he flew to Annaba—the site of the ancient city of Hippo, where St. Augustine served as Bishop.

After visiting the archaeological site, the Pope spent a few minutes with several elderly people residing at the Ma Maison Care Home for the Elderly, run by the Little Sisters of the Poor. In his brief address, he told residents that "God dwells here," noting that "wherever there is love and service, God is there."

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Our Parish School has a vacancy for a **SITE MANAGER**.

Salary; £20,227; Temp 1 yr fixed term in 1st instance.

25 hours per week, 52 weeks per year. **Closing Date 20 April**

Please see the school website for full details. **CLICK HERE**

www.st-josephs-pri.oxon.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies or tel 01865 763357



Collections on DONA

Last weekend, there were 31 Gift Aided Payments on DONA and 31 non Gift-Aided payments.... an equal split.

Please remember, if you SAY YES TO GIFT AID, your donation is increased by 25% at no cost to you.

LET'S ALL SAY YES if we pay tax!

**YES NO
to Gift Aid**

Last weekend, it was neck and neck!

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.