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Archbishop Sarah Mullally and Pope Leo in prayer

I am the way, and the truth,
and the life



Saint Thomas, ca. 1636

Georges De la Tour (1593-1652),
Oil on canvas; Louvre Museum, Paris

From today's Gospel, John 14:1-12

'Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Georges de la Tour depicts St Thomas...

...holding two powerful symbols of his identity: a book, representing the Gospel, and a lance, recalling his martyrdom in India. In today's Gospel, Thomas features, not in doubt, but in clarity of questioning: "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" It is a deeply human question, direct, sincere, searching. And Jesus gives one of the most profound theological revelations in all of Scripture: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." Without Thomas' question, we might never have received these words in quite the same way. De La Tour focuses on interior depth and silence inviting us to see Thomas not simply as the doubter, but as a man shaped by Scripture, marked by sacrifice, an early missionary.

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

Week beginning

Sunday 3 May 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.

5th Sunday of Easter

3 May 2026

Second Collection for CAFOD Sudan Appeal - [CLICK HERE](#)

Saturday 6.00pm@ Our Lady of Lourdes; Gretta and Jack Guy RIP

Sunday 9.00am People of the Parish

11.00am Fr Simon Bishop SJ

6.30pm Carlos Castro De Araujo RIP

Weekdays

Breviary Week 1

Mon 4 9.15am Satish--Thanksgiving

English Martyrs

Tues 5 9.15am Victor Lobo RIP

Easter Feria

Wed 6 7.30am Joao Pedro & Santina Coutinho RIP

Easter Feria

Thurs 7 No Mass

Easter Feria

Fri 8 9.15am

Easter Feria

Sat 9 10.00am Domingas Amelia do Rosario Fatima RIP
12 noon Baptism

Easter Feria

6th Sunday of Easter

10 May 2026

Saturday 6.00pm@ Our Lady of Lourdes;

Sunday 9.00am Anne Dolan

11.00am People of the Parish

12.15pm Baptisms

6.30pm Leila Fatima De Lemos RIP

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

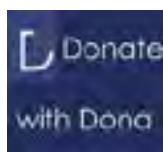
NEXT PARISH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP - Friday 1 May, 7.30pm.

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](#)**

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

At the Last Supper Jesus promised His disciples that although He is going away from them, He will come again. In the meantime, they are called to trust that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life, completely at one with the Father (Gospel: 14:1-12). One of the first disputes in the Church led to the institution of deacons (First Reading: Acts 6:1-7). St. Peter uses the image of 'living stones' for members of the Church (Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9).

Monday Hebr 11:32-40; Ps 30; Matthew 10:17-22
Tuesday Acts 14:19-28; Ps 144; John 14:27-31a
Wednesday Acts 15:1-6; Ps 121; John 15:1-8
Thursday Acts 15:7-21; Ps 95; John 15:9-11
Friday Acts 15:22-31; Ps 56; John 15:12-17
Saturday Acts 16:1-10; Ps 99; John 15:18-21

Responsorial Psalm: "Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you Just" (Ps 33:1)

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

Continuing War in Sudan - 2nd Collection Today

This month is the 3rd anniversary of the war in Sudan. It's a crisis that may not be in the headlines but it continues to devastate millions of lives. With your help, CAFOD is still there, working with the local Catholic Church to provide food, safe water and vital support to families fleeing violence.

Can you help? Donate on DONA or [CLICK HERE](#) to donate to CAFOD SUDAN APPEAL direct.



Hamper Raffle raises £1000 for Friends of the Holy Land!

Fr Mervyn is pictured drawing the winning ticket from the bag - which turned out to be his own! Congratulations to Fr Mervyn.



Join the Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham Next Saturday, 9 May [CLICK HERE](#) for Pilgrim Guide



(coach: Adults £25, Children £10. Contact parish office
Leave Corpus Christi at 7am and return at 8pm)

Next Journey of Faith Meeting

Monday 11 May 7.30pm at 202 London Rd, OX3 9EE

Everyone is welcome, those with no faith, those with a stronger faith, wherever you are with faith. The idea behind it is to increase our faith. The group is small and welcoming. The meeting usually lasts for about one and a quarter hours.

Congratulations BIG JOHN (Hanlon) on completing the London Marathon last Sunday in support of Oxford Homeless!

It's not too late to sponsor John

[CLICK HERE](#) for donate page



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: Carol Randall, Patrick Reilly, Philip Coogan.

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: Anglicans and Catholics must continue working to overcome differences

Meeting for the first time with the new Archbishop of Canterbury, Dame Sarah Mullally, Pope Leo encouraged Catholics and Anglicans to proclaim Christ to the world together, working to overcome any differences and challenges.

Recalling the words of Pope Francis to Primate of the Anglican Communion in May 2024, the Pope said it "would be a scandal if, due to our divisions, we did not fulfill our common vocation to make Christ known."

Corpus Christi for a Fairer World

The Parish Justice & Peace Group are arranging an appeal for the Gatehouse on the weekends of 17 and 24 May to support their work providing a drop in and support service for the homeless in Oxford.

We are appealing on their behalf for the following items

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| Men's socks | Men's clothing | Men's boxers | Med. & Lrg |
| Toiletries; | Baby wipes | Women's underwear | sz 12/14 |
| Packets of tissues | Crisps | Tins of biscuits | |

Boxes will be provided at the back of Church.

Please become involved if you can.

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](#)



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](#)

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