

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 16 April 2017: Easter Sunday

9.00pm (Saturday) **Easter Vigil** Parishioners
 9.00am Patsy, Kathleen & family
 11.00am Joedy & Nelly Joyce & family
No 5.30pm Mass today

Monday 17 April

10.00am Friars & Benefactors

Tuesday 18 April

7.30am Deceased Brothers

Wednesday 19 April

7.30am Franciscan Missionaries of Mary RIP

7.30am Theresa Finn's intention

Friday 21 April

7.30am Sr Henri Dominique's intention

Saturday 22 April

8.00am Deceased family & benefactors of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 11.30am-12 noon; 5.30-6.25pm

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick.

Please pray, too, for those whose anniversaries occur about this time, including: Robert Kelly, Daniel O'Riordan, Alma Clifford, Julie Morgan, Leon Wadepohl, Alice Franklin, Janet Molyneux-Paul, Nicolas Murphy, James Crosbie, Gordon Collins, Rhianna Mae Lea Gallagher, Sophia Keaney, Ann McNally, Margaret Carlton & Kate Blunsdon.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

COLLECTIONS

Today's Collection is your Easter Offering for the Friars

Last week's collection:

<i>Offertory</i>	£512.48	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£112.00
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No second collection next week

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Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Jesus lives beyond the grave. Death, the powerful end of all life, was powerless against him, the author of life. Jesus is the victor in the ultimate struggle. Alleluia!

At Easter, we remember our baptism in the light of Jesus' resurrection. We are not who we used to be. When we celebrate this day each year, we draw closer to the day when we celebrate its meaning for ever with God. Each year after a good Lent, we purify our hearts anew and renew our commitment to believe what Jesus promised and to live as he has shown.

Let us remember that we are dead to sin and alive for Christ. Let us put away what keeps us from faith and live fully in the promise of goodness. Nothing can keep us from this good news—no sorrow, no fear, no illness, no loss and no death. Nothing can keep us from life with the risen Christ. Alleluia!



1st Reading: Acts 10:34,37-43

Response to Psalm: **This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.**

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Entrance Antiphon: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Sunday 16 April 2017: Easter Sunday

Today, 16 April, is Easter Sunday. The Lord is truly risen! Alleluia!

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead demonstrates God's ultimate power over all other forces, including death. By his resurrection, Jesus opens the door of eternity to all believers. The mystery of redemption, first intimated at the incarnation, reaches its purpose in the resurrection. Belief in the resurrection is the cornerstone of Christian faith.

Please Note. *Today's collection is your Easter offering for the Friars.*

Please note also that there is **NO 5.30pm Evening Mass today.**

Thank You

I would like to thank all who helped with the Holy Week services, especially the altar servers, the organist John Brennan and all the members of the choir, and the ladies who decorated the church for Easter, for their dedication and commitment.

Thank You.

Fr Gordon

Happy Easter!

The friars would like to wish the parish community and your families and friends the Peace and Blessing of the Easter Season.

The Risen Christ drives away the Darkness. Now the Bright Joy of Easter is Ours. Alleluia—THE LORD IS RISEN!

This week:

Masses during Easter Week:

On Easter Monday, it being a Bank Holiday, Mass will be celebrated **at 10am** in the church. For the rest of the week, Masses will be at the usual times of 7.30am from Tuesday to Friday and at 8am on Saturday. Please enter via the main door of the Friary (182 Iffley Road) and, once you are in the porch, follow the sign to the Chapel.

Wednesday 19 April: Padre Pio Prayer Group

The Padre Pio Prayer Group meets this Wednesday **at 7pm** in the Friary Chapel. Please enter the Chapel via the main door of the Friary (182 Iffley Road). We start at 7pm with Rosary, Mass, veneration of his relic and intercessory prayer to Padre Pio.

Looking further ahead:

Next Sunday, 23 April: Divine Mercy Sunday

The message of Divine Mercy Sunday is that God is merciful, that he is love itself poured out for us, and that he wants all of us to turn to him with trust and repentance while there is still time.

The message of mercy is not something new. In the past God spoke a message of mercy through the patriarchs and prophets—Noah, Abraham, Moses, Elijah and

many others. In the last days he has spoken to us by his son, Jesus Christ, who is mercy personified and incarnated.

God continues to speak words of mercy even to our generation, through holy men and women. He revealed himself to St Faustina, a simple and holy nun in Poland (1905-1938). He revealed to her the desires of his merciful heart—the ways in which he wants us to respond to his mercy—and promised specific graces to all who would honour and proclaim his mercy.

In our parish we will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, starting at 2pm, with the blessing of the Divine Mercy picture, devotions, chaplet, confessions, with Mass at 5.30pm. All are welcome to attend.



Weddings 2017

If you are planning to get married this year (2017), please contact Br Gordon as soon as possible to make the necessary arrangements.

The Diocese requires at least six months notice, which is essential in cases where the marriage is taking place abroad, when a good deal of administrative work has to be completed. Marriage preparation is also a requirement, whether or not both partners are Catholic.

Help Needed

THE PARISH HALL needs urgent repair and refurbishment to make it fit for parish and community use. It is hoped to obtain Grant funding for at least half of the £100,000 it is likely to cost. Help is needed from a small group of parishioners (3 or 4) who have experience of applying for Lottery and other Grant funding, to handle the written applications.

If this is you, please contact Fr Gordon at your earliest convenience.

What does Easter Mean to You?

When John looked into the empty tomb of Jesus, he saw and believed (John 20:8).

A high school student writes: "I had just finished my paper round on Easter morning. As I passed St Francis' Church, the sun was coming up. I didn't intend to go in for Mass, because I was in the midst of a teenage rejection of the Church. Then it happened! The sun hit the big silver cross in front of the church. I couldn't take my eyes off it. Its fiery brightness made me realize how the apostles must have felt on the first Easter. An unseen force directed my feet up the church steps. I went in, knelt down, and prayed. For the first time in my life, I understood what Easter was about."

What does Easter mean to you?

What was your most memorable Easter?