

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 30 April 2017: 3rd Sunday of Easter (Year A)		
6.30pm (Saturday)		Patricia Conway RIP
9.00am		Florie Fernandes RIP
11.00am		Parishioners
5.30pm		OFS
Monday 1 May	St Joseph the Worker	
7.30am		Friars & Benefactors
Tuesday 2 May	St Athanasius, Doctor of the Church	
7.30am		Deceased Brothers
Wednesday 3 May	St Philip & St James, Apostles	
7.30am		Deceased Franciscan Missionaries of Mary
Thursday 4 May	English & Welsh Martyrs	
7.30am		Patrick Riddle
Friday 5 May		
7.30am		Sr Ann Heaney's intention
7.30pm		<i>In honour of the Sacred Heart</i>
Saturday 6 May		
8.00am		Julia & Netallia's intention

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

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

Pray, too, for those whose anniversaries occur about this time, including:

Bertram Peck, Michael Foley, Fr Mark Turnham Elvins OFM Cap, Patrick McDonagh, Jan Chlebrowski, Alice Hill, Elizabeth Ehrlich, Rose McCabe (Sr Stanislaw), Bridget Cummins, John Corley, Stuart Burden, Stephanie St Jean, Julia O'Brien, Michael Dancer, Jacqueline Hicks, Thomas Millward & Ann Green.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No Second Collection today

Last week's collection:

<i>Offertory</i>	£491.10	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£70.00
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Second Collection next week: Clergy Training Fund

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Beyond Price

Some things are priceless. You may pay a lot of your hard-earned income to have a home, furnish it for comfort and enjoy the amenities of life. You know the cost of the things you own.

But some things are priceless—the children who play, the people who love you, experiences of friendship, the wonder of creation, fresh air, freedom and faith.

At Easter it becomes evident that something else is priceless. We are. Jesus offered himself up to death for something that was priceless to him.

At Easter we learn again how precious human life is. We come to a new realization of who we are and how much we mean to the God who made us. We are loved.

As we look around at other people, we see some we know well and some who are strangers. We see people we love and people we ignore. We see people in need and people of plenty. But if we see them as God sees them, we see people of value. Let us live in reverence of the life we have and the life we see. It is priceless.



1st Reading: Acts 2:14,22-33

Response: **Show us, Lord, the path of life.**

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Sunday 30 April 2017: 3rd Sunday of Easter (Year A)

Today, 30 April, is the Third Sunday of Easter (Year A).

This Week:

Church Cleaning:

This week is the turn of Group A: the Joyce family. Thank you.

Monday 1 May: St Joseph the Worker

The Feast of St Joseph the Worker was established by Pope Pius XII in 1955 in order to Christianize the concept of work and give to all working men and women a model and a protector.

Tuesday 2 May: St Athanasius (295-373), Doctor of the Church

Born in Alexandria, Athanasius became its archbishop. At the Council of Nicea (325), which formulated the Creed we profess at Mass, he championed the faith against the Arian heresy which attacked the divinity of Christ. He suffered persecution and was exiled for seventeen years for resisting compromise in essentials of the faith.

Wednesday 3 May: Feast of St Philip & St James, Apostles

Philip was born at Bethsaida. Formerly a disciple of John the Baptist, he became a follower of Christ. James, the son of Alphaeus and a cousin of the Lord, ruled the church at Jerusalem, wrote the Epistle, and led a life of penance. He converted many, and was martyred in the year 62.

Thursday 4 May: English & Welsh Martyrs

During the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, innumerable men and women from England and Wales suffered persecution for the faith. Many gave their lives for the supremacy of the Pope, the unity of the Church and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Of these martyrs, forty-two have now been canonised. Some one hundred and sixty others have been declared Blessed, and their common celebration is kept today.

Friday 5 May: Holy Rosary & First Friday Mass

On Fridays at 7pm the Holy Rosary is recited in the church. This Friday, the first Friday of the month, we also celebrate Mass at 7.30pm in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, followed by prayers and anointing for healing.

Looking further ahead:

Next Sunday, 7 May: In honour of Mary

The month of May, which begins this week, is a fitting time to begin to recite the Rosary daily, says Pope Francis.

Next Sunday, at 3pm in the church, you are invited to attend devotions to Our Lady, Rosary, and Eucharistic adoration under the gaze of the Virgin Mary. And how does she look at us? She looks at us as a mother, with tenderness, mercy and love. That was how she gazed at her son Jesus at all the moments of his life—joyous, luminous, sorrowful, glorious—as we contemplate in the mysteries of the Holy Rosary, simply and lovingly.

Tuesday 9 May: Catholic Handicapped Fellowship Bingo & Raffle

Oxford's Catholic Handicapped Fellowship will be holding a bingo session and raffle from 7.30pm on Tuesday 9 May at Cowley Workers Social Club, Between Towns Road, Cowley. Please contact John Trinder on 01865 777507 for more details.

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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 (we have two volunteers; it would be good to have two more) to form a committee, applying for Lottery and other Grant funding, to handle the written applications.

If you can help, please contact Fr Gordon at your earliest convenience.

Gift Aid Scheme

As a member of this parish, if you pay tax on income, be it in wages, salaries or pensions, it is easy to increase the value of your weekly parish donation to the collection at no additional cost to yourself. So, if you haven't yet signed up for the Gift Aid envelopes, please consider the Gift Aid scheme. Contact James Martin at jandt08martin@metronet.co.uk or collect a form from the back of the church.

NB. If you are already a member of the scheme, it is important that you notify James of any change of address. If we do not have accurate up-to-date records, the Revenue may withdraw from the parish the privilege of the Gift Aid scheme.

IF YOU GO INTO HOSPITAL

Catholics in hospital are unlikely to receive an automatic visit from the Catholic Chaplain. If someone is taken to hospital, please let the Friary know or ask the staff on the ward to contact the Catholic Chaplain so that the patient may receive Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of the Sick.

Holy Communion for the Housebound

Often, as we get older, we are not always able to attend Mass and need to receive the Sacrament at home. The priest or a eucharistic minister normally takes Holy Communion to the housebound at times when it is convenient. Please let Fr Gordon know if you or a loved one cannot attend Mass, and he will arrange Holy Communion at home.

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London Marathon: Running for Shelter

Our parishioner Rupert Macey-Dare took part in the London Marathon last Sunday on behalf of homelessness charity *Shelter*. For more information and to support Rupert's efforts on behalf of *Shelter*, please visit:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rmdsheltermarathon2017>