

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 14 May 2017: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Patricia Conway RIP
9.00am	Sr Marie Alix Peters
11.00am	Parishioners
5.30pm	James Pender RIP

Monday 15 May

7.30am	Friars & Benefactors
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Tuesday 16 May

*St Margaret of Cortana*

7.30am	Sr Gilles Quigley's intention
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Wednesday 17 May

*St Paschal Baylon*

7.30am	Deceased Franciscan Missionaries of Mary
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Thursday 18 May

*St Felix of Cantalice*

7.30am	Br Loarne
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Friday 19 May

*St Crispin of Viterbo*

7.30am	Sr Lisette Mommens
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Saturday 20 May

*St Bernardine of Siena*

8.00am	Angela & Raymond Keown
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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:

Mary Nowland, Margaret West, Halcombe, Kenneth Walsh, Denis Ferriter, Agnes Moyles, Fred Fry, Yvonne East, Dr Evan James, Peter Ruane, Julia O'Dea, Lybert Lee, Kathleen Wood & Joanna Bishop.

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

### COLLECTIONS:

**Second Collection today: Diocesan Schools Fund**

Last week's collection:

Offertory	£468.70	+ Gift-aided	£94.00
Clergy Training Fund	£185.36	+ Gift-aided	£38.50

**No second collection next week**

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### Living Stones

A good artist can take something other people overlook and make it beautiful—a leaf, a pebble, or even a scuff or a scratch. An artist knows how to set something simple in an environment where its inner beauty shines.

God is the ultimate artist. God can take each one of us and turn us into a vision of glory.

The First Letter of St Peter calls us stones, material that can be overlooked or used for building. Jesus was a living stone that many people rejected. But God the artist found what was precious in Jesus the stone. If we come to Christ, the living stone, he will fashion us into something remarkable.

People may not appreciate our inner beauty. They may not notice the gifts we have. They may even make us feel useless. But God finds us most useful. We are living stones, pleasing to God through Jesus Christ. God appreciates the good we do and builds us up as living stones.



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Response: **May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.' Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Sunday 14 May 2017: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year A)

**Today, 14 May**, is the Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A).

### **May: the Month of Mary**

This Sunday afternoon at 3pm, the parish community is invited to attend devotions, Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration.

Have you ever experienced Mary's ability to bring you close to Jesus? Look to her to give you strength to face your challenges this week.

### **This Week:**

#### **Church Cleaning:**

This week is the turn of Group C: Margaret Madden & family, & Michael. Thank you.

#### **Tuesday 16 May: St Margaret of Cortana, Franciscan Penitent**

Born in 1247 a daughter of a Tuscan peasant, at 18 she ran away with a nobleman and lived with him for nine years. After his violent death she returned to the sacraments and joined the Third Order. She had great devotion to the Passion of Christ and to the Holy Eucharist.

#### **Wednesday 17 May: St Paschal Baylon**

He was born in Spain in 1540. As a young shepherd he developed a great devotion to the Holy Eucharist. He died on 17 May 1592, was canonized by Alexander VIII in 1690 and was nominated in 1897 by Leo XIII as the Patron of Eucharistic Confraternities and Congresses.

#### **Thursday 18 May: St Felix of Cantalice, Capuchin brother**

Born in 1525, he received the Capuchin habit in 1543. For forty years he exercised the office of quaestor in Rome, collecting alms to support the friars and their works of charity. He was renowned for his wonderful simplicity and charity.

#### **Friday 19 May: St Crispin of Viterbo, Capuchin brother**

Born at Viterbo in 1668. Like his fellow-Capuchin, St Felix of Cantalice, he exercised the office of quaestor for about forty years, giving a wonderful example of love of God, devotion to Our Lady, and diligent love of people. He died in Rome on 19 May 1750.

#### **Also on Friday: Holy Rosary**

On Friday evenings at 7pm the Holy Rosary is recited in the church. All are welcome.

#### **Saturday 20 May: St Bernardine of Siena (1380-1444)**

Bernardine joined the Friars Minor and was ordained priest. He travelled throughout Italy, preaching and propagating devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. He died in 1444.

#### **Also on Saturday: Secular Franciscan Order Meeting**

The next Secular Franciscan Order meeting will take place on Saturday at 2.15pm at Greyfriars Friary, Iffley Road, for devotions and reflections on 'Justice, Compassion and Love—recognizing the equality and dignity of all beings created and loved by God'. All are welcome.

### **Also on Saturday 20 May: March for Life UK**

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act. A March for Life will take place in Birmingham on Saturday 20 May (11.45am–4.15pm). Proceedings will commence at 11am with pre-march activities in Victoria Square in Birmingham City Centre. To find out more, visit <http://www.marchforlife.co.uk>.

### **Looking further ahead:**

#### **Next Sunday, 21 May: Confirmation Mass**

Next Sunday, we welcome Bishop William Kenney to our parish. At the 5.30pm Mass he will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our young candidates. Please pray for them.

#### **Wednesday 31 May: Padre Pio Prayer Group**

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 31 May at 7pm in the Friary Chapel. Mass, Rosary and intercessory prayer to Padre Pio. All are welcome to join us.

#### **Saturday 3 June: Secular Franciscan Order Day of Recollection**

A Day of Recollection, organized by the Oxford Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order, will take place from 9.30am to 4pm on Saturday 3 June at the Mornese Centre, Elmthorpe Convent, Oxford Road, Cowley OX4 2LF, led by Brother Gerard Mary, OFM Conv., with the theme "Preach the Gospel at all times, and if necessary use words": evangelisation with Franciscan joy in the charism of St Francis of Assisi".

Gather at 9.30 for 10 o'clock Talk, Quiet period, Devotions, Bring a packed lunch, Afternoon talk, Exposition & Benediction. Depart approx. 4pm.

Open to all. Suggested offering: £10. For further information contact Michael Martin on 01235 526346.



### **Gift Aid Scheme**

Thank you to all parishioners who have already registered for the Gift Aid scheme, which is a valuable source of extra income to the Parish at no cost to the parishioner.

If you pay tax on income, you can join the Gift Aid scheme **at any time of the year**. To sign up, please contact James Martin at [jandt08martin@metronet.co.uk](mailto:jandt08martin@metronet.co.uk) or collect a form from the back of the church. (If you are currently registered on the scheme and have changed your address, please let James know your new address so that we can continue to claim Gift Aid for the parish on your behalf. Thank you.)



### **Alan O'Day RIP**

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Alan O'Day. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.