

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 4 June 2017: Pentecost Sunday (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Jela Korica
9.00am	John, Natasha & family
11.00am	Parishioners
5.30pm	Bernard McLoughlin

Monday 5 June *St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr*

7.30am	Friars & Benefactors
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Tuesday 6 June

7.30am	Deceased Brothers
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Wednesday 7 June

7.30am	Teresian Association
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Thursday 8 June

7.30am	Sr Lisette Mommens's intention
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Friday 9 June

7.30am	James Pender RIP
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Saturday 10 June

8.00am	<i>In honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
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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:

Margaret Salcombe, Carmela Azzopardi, Augustus Quinn, Albertina Fernandez, Thomas Connaughton, Wilfred Ganter, Sybil Schmidt, Rebecca Goldsmith, Patrick Mannion & Bernard Burns.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No Second Collection today

Last week's collections:

Offertory	£384.91	+ Gift-aided	£94.00
Catholic Communications	£108.31	+ Gift-aided	£22.00

No Second collection next week

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Pentecost Sunday

What could change fear into confidence? What power is strong enough to put fear to rest and bring confidence to life?

What changed the disciples' fear into confidence? Something mighty must have happened. The same disciples who ran away at the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus, the same disciples who covered in an upper room after his Ascension—these disciples started proclaiming the message of salvation to large crowds in every language. How did it happen?

There is only one answer. The Holy Spirit made it happen. The Spirit, promised by Jesus, came as a mighty wind and as tongues of fire which rested on each of them. The Holy Spirit transformed their lives.

No matter where your fear comes from, the Holy Spirit can find you and change your life forever. Will you cooperate? Are you ready to share the gifts of the Spirit?



1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Response: **Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Entrance Antiphon: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Today, Sunday 4 June, we celebrate Pentecost (Year A).

'They were all filled with the Holy Spirit' (Acts 2:4)

The Holy Spirit wants to fill each of us with experiences of his love. So take some time today to visualise God's perfect love. Picture it flowing between the Father and the Son without constraints or roadblocks. Then ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with this love. It doesn't have to be complicated. All you have to do is say something simple like: 'Holy Spirit, fill me with God's love.' Like the apostles, may we be overwhelmed by God's presence in our heart.

Please pray for the children of our parish who are making their First Holy Communion this Sunday at the 11am Mass. May they experience the joy of Christ's loving presence in the Holy Sacrament and stay always close to him.

There will be no second collection today.

This Week:

Church Cleaning:

This week is the turn of Group B: Sam and John. Thank you.

Monday 5 June: St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

Boniface, known as the Apostle of the Germans, was an English Benedictine monk. Pope Gregory II sent him to preach the Gospel in Germany and he was later consecrated its first bishop. He was then able to organize the Church in Germany. He was martyred while preaching among the Frisians in 754.

Friday 9 June: Holy Rosary at 7pm

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

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Looking further ahead:

Next Sunday, 11 June: The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

The feast of the Holy Trinity was established for the universal Church by Pope John XXII in 1334. It celebrates our belief in One God in Three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To know God as a Trinity of Persons is to be drawn into a relationship of love which is at the heart of who God is. The Trinity inspires praise and glory.

Sunday 18 June: Corpus Christi Procession

The North Oxford Deanery Corpus Christi procession will take place on Sunday 18 June, beginning at 2.30pm at the Oratory Church of St Aloysius, Woodstock Road.

A Place to Be (27 June, 25 July, 26 September, 24 October, 28 November)

A friendly monthly lunch for people with dementia, their carers and friends is held **on the 4th Tuesday of** (nearly) **every month** from 12–2pm (lunch served at 12.30pm) in the Richard Benson Hall, next to St Mary & St John Church, 276 Cowley Road. For more information call 01865 792717 or email cowleysaintjohn@btinternet.com.

(Please let them know by midday the previous Thursday if possible if you plan to go.)
2-hour parking is available on Cowley Road and Leopold Street.

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Morning Mass During the Week

Morning Mass is celebrated at Greyfriars on every weekday (Monday–Friday at 7.30am & Saturday at 8am). When attending Mass on a weekday, please enter via the main door of the Friary at 182 Iffley Road. Once in the porch, follow the signs to the Chapel.

Tea/Coffee after the 11am Sunday Mass

Please note that after the 11am Sunday Mass tea and coffee are served in the Parish Hall—a time to relax and take the chance to get to know each other.

Weddings 2017/18

If you are planning to get married in the next year or so, 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.

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Do You Hunger for the Eucharist?

The Holy Eucharist is God's great gift to each one of us, and the fulfilment of his promise to be with us always, till the end of time. It is a central part of God's saving plan of infinite love for you and me.

Sometimes we take the gift of Sunday Mass for granted; so many Catholics choose to be absent from Mass. Going back to the early Church in about 304AD, forty-nine Christians suffered torture and martyrdom in a village in present-day Tunisia because they defied the Emperor Diocletian's order not to celebrate the Eucharist on Sunday. When asked why they had disobeyed the emperor, one of them said, '**Without Sunday we cannot live.**' Is this true for us?

Ask for Forgiveness

Let us learn to acknowledge our mistakes and ask for forgiveness. "Forgive me if today I raised my voice", "I'm sorry if I passed without greeting you", "I'm sorry I was angry and took it out on you", "Excuse me if I was late, ...if this week I was very silent, ...if I spoke too much without ever listening, ...if I forgot", etc.

We can say "I'm sorry" many times every day. In this way, too, a Christian family grows.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturday (11.30am–12 noon, and 5.30–6.25pm) in the church. Alternatively, see a priest after Mass or call at the Friary.