

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

### Sunday 11 June 2017: Trinity Sunday (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Trevor Dean intention
9.00am	Simon Doherty & family
11.00am	Parishioners
5.30pm	Sonia Duffy & family intention

### Monday 12 June

7.30am	Intentions of Maria Pereira
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### Tuesday 13 June *St Anthony of Padua*

7.30am	St Anthony's Guild
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### Wednesday 14 June

7.30am	Kieran Hughes
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### Thursday 15 June

7.30am	Deceased Sisters of Providence
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### Friday 16 June

7.30am	Kieran Hughes
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### Saturday 17 June

8.00am	Sr Maria Lemmens's intention
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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:**

Pauline Kemp, Michael Kupiak, Fr Anthony McDowell OFM Cap., & Owen Patten.

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

## COLLECTIONS:

**No Second Collection today**

**Last week's collections:**

<i>Catholic Communications</i>	£108.31	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£22.00
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**Second collection next week: Day for Life**

Sunday 11 June 2017: The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Year A)

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## Trinity Sunday

Today we honour and celebrate the Trinity: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit—three Persons in one God. It took the early Church two centuries and great effort to discern the final doctrine of the Most Holy Trinity. It was at the Council of Nicea, in 325, that the doctrine of the Trinity was decreed.

All languages struggle to capture the essence of ultimate mystery, and certainly the Trinity is the ultimate mystery.

In the eighth century, John of Damascus provided an example of the divine Trinity that can be understood, in English, as three Persons, one God, in a divine dance of being and acting, saving and redeeming. The Greek term that John used was *perichoresis*, which describes the three Persons of the Trinity as mutually 'indwelling' or 'permeating'. A similar Greek word, *perichoreuein*, which means 'to dance around', was used as a metaphor for the relations of the Trinity, thus the image of the three Persons in a divine dance of life.

In this divine relationship we recognize and honour the power of the Trinity, asking that God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—'be near to the people formed in Your image, close to the world which Your love brings to life'.



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 34:4-6,8-9

Response: **To you glory and praise for evermore.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13      Gospel: John 3:16-18

**Entrance Antiphon:** Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

## **Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Year A).**

We welcome parishioners and visitors to our parish Masses this weekend—as we celebrate Trinity Sunday. (*There will be no second collection today.*)

### **This Week:**

#### **Church Cleaning:**

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

#### **Tuesday 13 June: St Anthony of Padua**

Born in Lisbon, he was educated by the Augustinians and later joined the Franciscans, being inspired by their missionary work in Morocco. He is one of the most popular saints in Catholic piety, frequently petitioned for the location of lost articles. His ministry as a Franciscan took him to many locations, including Padua, where he taught, preached, and is buried.

#### **Friday 16 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, 18 June, is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.**

#### **Calling All Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**

Lay ministers of the Eucharist assist the priest at Mass in the distribution of Holy Communion. They may also be asked to take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound.

**Next Sunday (the Solemnity of Corpus Christi) they are asked to gather at the 11am Sunday Mass to renew their commitment to this ministry.** Thank you.

#### **Also on Sunday 18 June: Corpus Christi Procession**

The North Oxford Deanery Corpus Christi procession will take place on Sunday 18 June at 2.30pm, starting at the Oratory Church of St Aloysius, Woodstock Road, stopping at Blackfriars (sermon at 3pm), then on to the Catholic Chaplaincy down St Aldates for Benediction followed by tea. (See the poster in the church porch.)

#### **Thursday 29 June: Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul**

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses in the church will be at 7.30am & 7.30pm.

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#### **Morning Mass During the Week—Do I?**

Christ is really present in the Eucharist. Do I let myself be transformed by him? Do I let the Lord, who gives himself to me, guide me to go out ever more from my little enclosure, in order to give, to share, to love him and others?

Morning Mass is celebrated at Greyfriars on every weekday (Monday–Friday at 7.30am & Saturday at 8am). When attending a weekday Mass, 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 with family, friends and fellow parishioners—take the chance to get to know each other.

### **Children’s Choir**

The children’s choir meets on Saturdays in the hall from 12 noon to 1pm. Do you have a child who likes to sing to make a joyful noise? We have a perfect opportunity—join the children’s choir. Saturday at 12 noon. Hope to see you there!

### **St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School**

Several places are available at St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School for September 2017. St Joseph’s is one of our parish schools. For further information, please contact the school on 01865 763357 or email [admin.3838@st-josephs-pri.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:admin.3838@st-josephs-pri.oxon.sch.uk).

### **Foreign Coins: a Request**

Too many foreign coins are being put into the Sunday collection. We ask you **not** to put foreign coins into the Sunday collection, please, as we have no facility for having them changed into British currency. Thank you.

### **Parish Gift Aid Scheme: Monthly Standing Orders**

The figures for the Sunday collections published every week in this newsletter cannot themselves include what the parish receives under the Gift Aid scheme through standing orders that are paid *monthly*. From now on we shall give a more complete picture of what the parish is given under the Gift Aid scheme by publishing each month the total amount given through monthly standing orders. For the financial year so far, the amounts are: 6–30 April 2017: £430; and 1–31 May: £870.

If you pay tax, you may increase the value of your gift by joining the scheme—please contact James Martin ([jandt08martin@metronet.co.uk](mailto:jandt08martin@metronet.co.uk)), our Gift Aid Organizer.

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### **We Make Choices**

Nicodemus, a Jewish teacher with a high position of leadership, is meeting secretly with Jesus. Nicodemus has been waiting for a sign that God’s promise of salvation through a saviour will happen in his lifetime. He senses that maybe Jesus is the saviour. But he does not yet believe in Jesus, as is emphasized by his coming to Jesus ‘by night’ (John 3:2). Speaking symbolically, Jesus outlines what it takes for salvation: to believe in Jesus as the one sent by God and to be born again through Baptism and the Holy Spirit. The same is true for people today.

Nicodemus knew that to accept Jesus publicly could put him in bad standing with the other Jewish leaders. Sometimes we must make choices that might make us look foolish to others. How hard would it be for you to express belief in Jesus publicly?

Will you be a believer in the night or in the light?