

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 25 June 2017: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Rawson family
9.00am	Sisters: Laurinda, Laura, Josefa
11.00am	Parishioners
5.30pm	Nelia Madalena RIP

Monday 26 June

7.30am	Friars & Benefactors
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Tuesday 27 June *St Cyril of Alexandria*

7.30am	Pious Union
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Wednesday 28 June *St Irenaeus*

7.30am	Mateus Guterres Ricardo RIP
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Thursday 29 June *Sts Peter & Paul
(Holy Day of Obligation)*

7.30am	Vocations
7.30pm	Parishioners

Friday 30 June

7.30am	Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (deceased)
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Saturday 1 July

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:

Camarao, John Leahy, John Cullen, Sister Mary James, Catherine O'Dwyer, Jonathan Diliberto, Carey Carter, Thomas Conway, Audrey Etherington, Angelina Montgomery, Mary Murphy, Matthew Etherington, Eileen O'Riordan & Bridget Lynch.

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

COLLECTIONS:

Second Collection today: Peter's Pence

Last week's collection:

<i>Offertory</i>	£414.61	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£118.00
<i>Day for Life</i>	£206.31	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£37.00

No second collection next week

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The Trials of Jeremiah

A broken friendship causes deep pain. Close companionship brings joy to life. With a few special friends we share our inmost thoughts. Deep conversations strengthen the bond of love. But when friendship ends, when trust is broken, when shared experiences lie shattered, the pain is immense.

Jeremiah the prophet endured this awful experience. He knew the fear and loneliness of betrayal. His friends did more than break their relationship, they became Jeremiah's aggressive enemies. They looked for opportunities to denounce him. They sought vengeance against him. They whispered in conspiracy together against him.

The prophet overheard the plots, and terror seized him. But Jeremiah kept his trust in God.

Human beings fail. Our best efforts may fall short. Our ability to make and sustain friendships may falter. But God's love will never cease. It will provide a sure foundation when the protective walls of friendship crack.



1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Response: **In your great love, answer me, O Lord.**

2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

Today is the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A).

This may be the first time the reality of Ordinary Time sinks in for many at Mass, as green vestments return today for the first time on Sunday. In the readings, Jesus continues his missionary discourse to the apostles. He encourages a strong and consistent proclamation of his message. He assures them of the Father's protection in the face of enemies, as long as they remain faithful.

This Week:

Church Cleaning:

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

Tuesday 27 June: St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor (370-444)

St Cyril was the Patriarch of Alexandria in Egypt. He was the most acute and profound theologian. Cyril battled against the Nestorian heresy. During the Council of Ephesus, he defended the oneness of person in Jesus Christ and the divine maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Wednesday 28 June: St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

Irenaeus was a disciple of St Polycarp, himself a disciple of John the Apostle. He studied in Rome and became Bishop of Lyons. In his writings he sought to defend the Catholic faith against the errors of the Gnostics. He was martyred about the year 200.

Also on Wednesday: Padre Pio Prayer Group Meeting

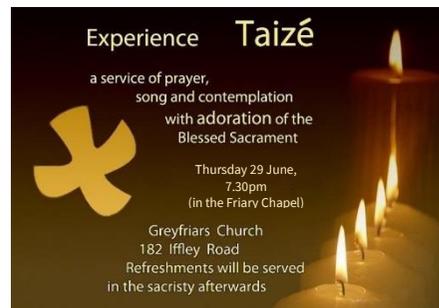
The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 28 June at 7pm in the Friary Chapel. Rosary, Mass, and intercessory prayer to Padre Pio. All are welcome to join us. The entrance to the Chapel is via the main door of the Friary—182 Iffley Road.

Thursday 29 June: St Peter & St Paul (Holy Day of Obligation)

Tradition holds that Peter and Paul met and embraced before marching off to their deaths—Peter on the Vatican Hill, Paul outside the city of Rome. They suffered at the hands of the Emperor Nero, who persecuted Christians to distract the population from the after-effects of the great fire of Rome in the year 64. Together these two apostles represent the early evangelization of Jews and Gentiles.

NB. On this Holy Day of Obligation Masses in the church will be at 7.30am & 7.30pm.

Also on Thursday 29 June: Monthly Taizé Prayer



You are invited to attend a Taizé prayer service at 7.30pm in the Friary Chapel, centred on singing, prayer, and Scripture readings. Brother Alois from Taizé wrote: 'The exchange with God becomes real for us in prayer; by his Holy Spirit God comes to dwell with us. By his Word and by the Sacraments, Christ gives himself to us. In return, we can surrender everything to him.'

Friday 30 June: Holy Rosary at 7pm

Every Friday evening at 7pm the Holy Rosary is recited in the church. You are invited to attend.



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.

Morning Mass during the Week

Every time we celebrate Mass, we remember that Jesus died for our sins, that he rose from the dead, and that he will come again in glory. As we remember what happened two thousand years ago, we give Jesus the opportunity to fill our hearts and open our eyes.

Morning Mass is celebrated on every weekday (Monday–Friday at 7.30am & Saturday at 8am), not in the church but in the Friary Chapel. Please enter via the main door of the Friary at 182 Iffley Road. Once in the porch, follow the sign to the Chapel.

New Altar Servers

Altar serving is an important ministry in the Church, and the priest relies on having a team of dedicated, well-trained and committed altar servers available for every Mass. If you would like to become an altar server, registration forms are available from the back of the church. Altar servers must have made their First Holy Communion.

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? We have a perfect opportunity—join the children's choir. Remember, Saturday at 12 noon. Hope to see you there!

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

There are still places available for September 2017 at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, which 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.



Jesus is Truly Present

Jesus is truly present under the appearance of bread, with his Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. His mind, heart, memory and imagination dwell with us day and night in the Most Blessed Sacrament. No matter how many persons come to him at one time, he gives each one his undivided attention. In the Blessed Sacrament he is constantly offering himself to the Father in a spirit of adoration, thanksgiving, reparation and petition. Jesus is infinitely deserving of our unceasing thanksgiving and adoration for all he has done for our salvation.