

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 2 July 2017: 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday) Sisters of Providence  
 9.00am Penny Rawson's intention  
 11.00am Parishioners  
 5.30pm Sisters of Providence (deceased)

**Monday 3 July** *St Thomas, Apostle*  
 7.30am Friars & Benefactors

**Tuesday 4 July** *St Elizabeth of Portugal*  
 7.30am Deceased Brothers

**Wednesday 5 July** *Bl. George Nichols & Companions, Martyrs*  
 7.30am Feliciano Soares & Afonso do Esramos

**Thursday 6 July**  
 7.30am Sr Lutgart Fidler's intention

**Friday 7 July**  
 7.30am Leroy Heligan  
 7.30pm *In honour of the Sacred Heart*

**Saturday 8 July**  
 8.00am John Barnes RIP

**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:**

Patricia Campbell, Theresa Alexis, Gerald Elliott, Gerald Kelly, Irene Maloney, Patricia Hanrahan, Halasiewicz & Patrick Meredith.

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

### COLLECTIONS:

*No second Collection today*

**Last week's collections:**

<i>Offertory</i>	£431.74	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£70.00
<i>Peter's Pence</i>	£166.65	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£56.00

**Second collection next week: Apostleship of the Sea**

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### Walking in Newness of Life

In Baptism we die to sin, we walk in the new life of Christ.

Some Christians are baptized as children. Some are baptized as adults. When adults are baptized, they are asked to renounce their former way of life, to turn away from anything that keeps them from allegiance to Christ. When infants are baptized, parents and godparents renew their commitment to Christ, and they pledge to share it with the child. Baptism makes all the difference in the world. It totally redirects our lives towards Christ, whether we are changing course as adults, or committing ourselves to Christ from the start as infants.

St Paul says to the Romans, "You too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus."

Throughout our lives we recommit ourselves to our baptismal promises. We do it weekly at church when we recite the Creed; we do it any time we attend a baptism; we do it at the Easter Vigil. We turn away from sin and turn towards Christ to walk in newness of life.



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16

Response: **I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 6:3-4,8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

**Entrance Antiphon:** All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

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**Today is the 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A).**

*This Week:*

**Church Cleaning:**

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

**Monday 3 July: St Thomas, Apostle. Feast.**

The Gospel records Jesus' invitation to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see", but there is no record of Thomas taking Jesus up on the offer. The only response is his act of faith: "My Lord and my God". About this apostle, St Augustine says we should be grateful for the beatitude pronounced by Jesus on all generations of disciples: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." According to tradition, Thomas preached the Gospel in India, where he suffered martyrdom.

**Tuesday 4 July: St Elizabeth of Portugal**

Born in 1271 into the royal family of Aragon, she married the King of Portugal at a young age and had two children. The marriage was unhappy. She lived a life of penance, prayer and fasting. After the death of her husband she renounced the Court and lived in poverty as a member of the Third Order of St Francis, devoting her life to the service of God and the poor.

**Wednesday 5 July: Blessed George Nichols & Companions, Martyrs**

Born in 1550, George Nichols was ordained priest in 1583 in Rheims in France. He was arrested in Oxford with several companions, and they were accused of treason. They suffered torture and were executed in Oxford in 1589.

**Friday 7 July: Holy Rosary and First Friday Mass**

This evening, after the Holy Rosary at 7pm, we celebrate the regular First Friday Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 7.30pm, followed by prayer and anointing for healing.

The first Friday of each month was designated by Christ himself as a way of honouring his Sacred Heart. The object of this devotion is to make Our Lord ardently and perfectly loved, and to make reparation for the outrages offered to him in the past, as well as those he daily receives in the Blessed Eucharist. Jesus deserves our love at all times. Let us love and honour the Lord Jesus.



**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.



**'Keep up your courage' (Acts 23:11).**

"As disciples and friends of Jesus, become agents of dialogue and collaboration with those who believe in God who rules the universe with infinite love." (Pope St John Paul II)

What exactly is the Holy Father asking you to do? He's asking you to talk about your faith in God and to work together with others who believe in God. Why? So that God's love can reach all people. There's no limit to the good things that can come from sharing God's love with our friends and our community. He is asking you to be a friend of Jesus both in what you say and in how you live your life.

**Live for the Eucharist**

Pope Francis said, "The Eucharist is a tangible reminder of God's love, and receiving Communion is a call to work to build the body of Christ by loving others and shunning all that sows division within a community."

In the Eucharist—"In the Bread of Life, the Lord comes to us, making himself a humble meal that lovingly heals our memory, wounded by the frantic pace of life."

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



**Your prayers are asked**

for the repose of the soul of Andrew James Moran RIP. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 13 July at 10am.

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