

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 9 July 2017: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)		Edward Marchlewski RIP
9.00am		John - RIP
11.00am		Parishioners
5.30pm		Sonny & Harrison Styles
Monday 10 July	St Veronica Giuliani	
7.30am		Friars & Benefactors
Tuesday 11 July	St Benedict	
7.30am		Selina Saldanha Ribeiro RIP, & Maria Jose Cabrai Henriques RIP
Wednesday 12 July	St John Jones & St John Wall, Martyrs	
7.30am		Cipriana B. Martins & Rui Gosmao Soares
Thursday 13 July		
7.30am		Private intention (Maria Pereira)
Friday 14 July		
7.30am		James Pender RIP
Saturday 15 July	St Bonaventure	
8.00am		Neil Evans

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:

James Mahon, Helen Boalch, John Hoadley, Nora Mannion, Doyle, James Maughan, Richard Breen, Patrick Flaherty & John Grandon.

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

COLLECTIONS:

Second Collection today: Apostleship of the Sea

Last week's collection:

Offertory	£488.36	+ Gift-aided	£117.00
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No second collection next week

NB. See note inside newsletter on Gift Aid for the year 2016-17.

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Peacemakers

The dream of world peace ever stirs the hearts of people. Imagine a world where nations stop their aggression, where terrorists lay down their weapons of mass destruction, and where nations respect one another's boundaries and traditions.

Closer to home, think of a neighbourhood where people get along, where diversity is respected and violence is no more. We all long for security and peace.

Many leaders around the world believe that a strong defence inhibits aggression and causes the desired peace. But the prophet Zechariah envisions another kind of leader. One who is just, rescuing people from their oppression. Meek, he rides a simple beast of burden, but his dominion extends across the whole world. He accomplishes the desired goal of peace not by weapons, not by intimidation, but by the example of humility.

Imagine the world at peace. Imagine it starting with you—Jesus invites us to follow him.



1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Response: **I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.**

2nd Reading: Romans 8:9,11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

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This Week:

Church Cleaning:

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

Monday 10 July: St Veronica Giuliani, Capuchiness

Born in Mercatello, Italy, in 1660, she entered the Convent of Capuchin nuns and devoted herself to prayer and mortification, so as to be conformed to Christ crucified. As a result she received the stigmata and other signs of the Passion. She died in 1727.

Tuesday 11 July: St Benedict, Abbot & Patron of Europe

Benedict is one of the most influential people in the history of the Church. He founded more than a dozen monasteries, including Monte Cassino. He is known as the Father of Western Monasticism, and the Rule he wrote for a communal life of faith has been adopted countless times. He is Patron of Europe.

Wednesday 12 July: St John Jones & St John Wall, Franciscan Martyrs

John Jones was born in England. He joined the Friars Minor and was later forced into exile in France, where he was ordained priest. After spending a short time in Rome, he returned to England and settled in London to work secretly as a priest. He was arrested, imprisoned, cruelly tortured and finally hanged on 12 July 1598.

John Wall was also born in England and ordained priest in France, where he joined the Friars Minor. He returned to his native land and for 22 years worked as a priest under an assumed name. Eventually he was arrested, tortured and condemned to death. He died a martyr on 22 August 1679.

Friday 14 July: Holy Rosary

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

Saturday 15 July: St Bonaventure, Franciscan Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Born about 1218 in Bagnoregio in central Italy, Bonaventure studied philosophy and theology at Paris. He lectured with great success to his fellow friars. Elected Minister General of the Order, he exercised his office with insight and discretion. He also served as Cardinal Bishop of Albano. He died at Lyons in 1274. He is known as ‘the Seraphic Doctor’.



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.



Live the Eucharist

“When Jesus gives us the Eucharist he does it with a purpose: that we may become one with him... Communion is assimilation: eating him, we become like him. But this requires our ‘Yes’, our adhesion to the faith.” (Pope Francis)

Remember—Morning Mass is celebrated on every weekday (Monday–Friday at 7.30am & Saturday at 8am). We gather to celebrate, 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.

‘May he so strengthen your hearts in holiness’ (1 Thessalonians 3:13)

“Do not be afraid to be holy! Have the courage and humility to present yourselves to the world determined to be holy, since full, true freedom is born from holiness.” (St Pope John Paul II)

Sometimes we are afraid to be holy because we think it means that we have to be better than others. But holiness isn’t about being better than others. It is about living our life the way Jesus lived his life. It is that simple.



Greyfriars Parish Gift Aid 2016-17

The Parish has been informed that the total Gift Aid Donations for the year ending 5 April 2017 amounted to £15,524.27. As a result of this, **£3648.35 in repaid tax** is on its way.

The Parish is extremely grateful for the generosity of donors who enhance their gifts through membership of the Gift Aid scheme. Anyone who pays tax on income or savings increases their gift by a quarter simply by joining the scheme, which entails a simple form of declaration and the making of donations by standing order and/or using the weekly envelopes provided for the purpose.

Contact the Gift Aid Organiser James Martin at jandt08martin@metronet.co.uk for full details.



Andrew James Moran RIP

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. His body will be received in the church at 5pm on Wednesday evening.

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