

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 16 July 2017: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday) Intention of Sisters of Providence
 9.00am Parishioners
 11.00am Jacinto Rodrigues RIP
 5.30pm OFS

Monday 17 July *Blessed John Sugar & Robert Grissold* Friars & Benefactors
 7.30am

Tuesday 18 July Vocations
 7.30am

Wednesday 19 July Patrick Reilly RIP
 7.30am

Thursday 20 July Martin Reilly RIP
 7.30am

Friday 21 July *St Lawrence of Brindisi* Sr Genevieve Fowqueray's int.
 7.30am

Saturday 22 July *St Mary Magdalen* In honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe
 8.00am

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:

Clara Steed, Trevor Anthony Parry, Gloria Blach, Margaret O'Callaghan, Gladys Fegan, Ethel Hamilton, Casey, Brendan Mills, Michael Lydon, Janet Quinlan, Joseph Cummins, Anastasia Gorlack & Sarah Ferrett.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No Second Collection today & No Second Collection next Sunday

Last week's collections:

Offertory	£442.40	+ Gift-aided	£85.00
Apostleship of the Sea	£170.95	+ Gift-aided	N/A

Gift-aided donations by standing order, 1-30 June: £750.

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Letting the Word Speak to Us

We cannot live without water. It comes from the heavens and waters the earth. The earth then brings forth crops, which produce seed, which enables preparation for other essential foods. Water returns to the heavens, the prophet Isaiah says, but only after it has done its job.

We cannot live without the word of God. It has a job to do as well. It comes from the heavens to bring its fruitfulness to the earth. It announces God's love, provides direction for the wayward, and gives hope to those who despair. God's word returns to heaven, but not before it has done its job.

Sometimes we squander these gifts. Household plants may be inches away from water, but they cannot grow unless we give them a drink. We may be inches away from God's word. It comes to us in the Scriptures, in the order of nature, in the counsel of friends and in the community of believers. But we cannot grow unless we lift the cup and take a drink.

Where does God's word speak around you? What occasions do you have to listen? God's word has a job to do. Put it to work.



1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Response: **Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.**

2nd Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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This Week:

Church Cleaning:

This week is the turn of Group D: Norbert & Leonel. Thank you.

Monday 17 July: Blessed John Sugar & Robert Grissold, Martyrs

John Sugar studied at the English College in Douai and was ordained a priest in 1601. After returning to England, he travelled throughout Warwickshire, Staffordshire and Worcestershire to minister to Catholics. Robert Grissold accompanied Fr John Sugar, and one day, while returning after celebrating Holy Mass, they encountered a search party and were arrested. They were martyred for their faith. St Pope John Paul II beatified them in 1987.

Friday 21 July: St Lawrence of Brindisi, Capuchin Priest

Lawrence joined the Capuchin Order at the age of 16 and quickly revealed an ability for theology, philosophy and languages. As a renowned preacher he travelled throughout Europe and wrote many works to explain the Catholic Faith. He died in Portugal as Minister-General of the Order in 1619. He is a doctor of the Church.

Also on Friday: Holy Rosary

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

Saturday 22 July: St Mary Magdalen

She was one of the few who remained with Christ during his agony on the Cross. With two other women she went to the tomb and found it empty. It was to her that Our Lord first appeared after his resurrection. He asked her to announce the resurrection to the apostles.

Also on Saturday 22 July: New Altar Servers' Meeting (10am)

The new altar servers are asked to meet next Saturday in the church at 10am. The meeting will last for about half an hour.

Looking further ahead:

29-30 July: The Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

The National Pilgrimage statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be visiting St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham on 29-30 July. This is the centenary year of the apparitions. Archbishop Bernard will welcome the statue at the 4.30pm Mass on Saturday 29th, at which the statue of Our Lady will be crowned and enthroned. Afterwards there will be an opportunity to venerate relics of the recently canonised 'Little Shepherds of Fatima', Saints Francisco and Jacinta. More information will be available nearer the time.

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Each year the parish runs a course from October to April for adults who have not been

baptized and would like to be, as well as for Christians of other denominations who would like to be received into the Roman Catholic Church, and for baptized Catholic adults who have not received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist or Confirmation. The course is known as the RCIA (which stands for 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults'). Registration forms are available at the back of church.



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.

GIFT AID

The Parish is very grateful to every parishioner who has been able to join the Gift Aid Scheme, which enhances each gift by 25% without further expenditure, this amount being recoverable from HM Revenue & Customs.

Any parishioner who is interested in joining the Gift Aid scheme should collect a simple declaration form from the back of church or contact our Gift Aid Organizer, James Martin, at jandt08martin@metronet.co.uk.

Thank you.



Confessions

It is a mark of greatness to be able to say, "I have made a mistake, I have sinned, Father. My God, I have offended you; I am sorry; I ask for pardon; I will try again, because I rely on your strength. And I believe in your love. And I know that your Son's paschal mystery—the Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ—is greater than my weakness and all the sins of the world. I will come and confess my sins and be healed, and I will live in your love." (Pope St John Paul II)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available in the church on Saturdays from 11am till 12 noon and from 5.30pm to 6.20pm, or after Mass, or on call at the Friary.

I am the Bread of Life

At every Mass, Jesus offers us a share in his *Resurrection*. When we receive Jesus' Body and Blood, we are accepting Jesus in a physical, tangible way. We are opening ourselves to a relationship of love and unity that goes beyond words and gestures. We are accepting Christ in us, 'the hope for glory' (Colossians 1:27).

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.