

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 23 July 2017: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Robert Guzman
9.00am	Parishioners
11.00am	Sonia Duffy RIP
5.30pm	Kevin & Margaret's intention

Monday 24 July

7.30am	Friars & Benefactors
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Tuesday 25 July *St James, Apostle*

7.30am	St Anthony's Guild
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Wednesday 26 July *St Joachim & St Anne*

7.30am	Nora Reilly's intention
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Thursday 27 July *Bl. Robert Sutton*

7.30am	Mary Keane's intention
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Friday 28 July

7.30am	Pious Union
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Saturday 29 July *St Martha*

8.00am	Andie Horan RIP
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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:**

Dumbrell, Margaret Barrett, Patrick O'Hara, Bridget Hughes, Margaret Quiry, Patrick Wallace & Ellen Cahalin.

*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:**

<i>Offertory</i>	£543.02	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£109.00
<i>Diocesan Schools Fund</i>	N/A	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£7.10

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### The Lenient Judgement of God

Changing ourselves is hard. Sometimes we don't even see what should be changed. But we can usually see what others should change. Their faults are all too evident.

Given the power, what would you change about the world around you? The way people act, the policies of institutions, evil thoughts that darken our minds—these and more may offend us. If we had the power, surely we would change other people.

So why doesn't God do this? God has the power to change other people. Doesn't God see injustice? Doesn't it offend the divine presence?

The Book of Wisdom wrestled with these questions long before we did. It says that God could establish justice merely by the use of unparalleled might. Instead, God is lenient. The God who has power over all things is lenient.

When we think of the sins of others, such leniency seems foolish. But when we think of our own sins, such leniency is gift. God's tolerance of the wicked does not show indifference. Rather, it gives hope to those who would repent.



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 12:13,16-19

Response: **O Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

**Entrance Antiphon:** See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

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**Today is the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A).**

**This Week:**

**Church Cleaning:**

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

**Tuesday 25 July: St James, Apostle**

James, a fisherman, born in Bethsaida, the son of Zebedee and the brother of John, is sometimes called 'James the Greater'. He was chosen by Jesus to witness his Transfiguration and the Agony in the Garden. Tradition identifies him as the Apostle of Spain, and his relics are said to be in Compostela, Spain. He was the first of the Apostles to shed his blood for Christ in AD44, through King Herod Agrippa I in Jerusalem.

**Wednesday 26 July: St Joachim & St Anne, parents of the Virgin Mary**

It was in the home of Joachim and Anne that the Virgin Mary received her training to be the Mother of God. Devotion to Anne and Joachim is thus an extension of the affection Christians have always professed towards Our Lady.

**Thursday 27 July: Bl. Robert Sutton, Martyr**

Robert Sutton was born at Burton-on-Trent in about 1545. As a clergyman of the Established Church he was Rector of Lutterworth. He was converted to Catholicism through the influence of his younger brother and they were ordained as priests with a third brother. He was arrested in Stafford in 1588 and condemned to death.

**Also on Thursday 27 July: Taizé Prayer**



On the last Thursday of each month you are invited to attend a Taizé prayer service at 7.30pm in the Friary Chapel. Taizé-style worship centres on singing, prayer, and readings from Scripture. 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 28 July: Holy Rosary**

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

**Saturday 29 July: St Martha**

Our Lord liked the home of St Martha, her brother Lazarus and her sister Mary. As Our Lord's friends in Bethany, they took loving care of him. She professed her belief in the resurrection on the occasion of her brother Lazarus's death, and most of all in Jesus as the Son of God. Jesus then raised her brother from the dead.

**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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**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.

**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.

**Weddings 2018**

If you are planning to get married next year, 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.



**Going to Mass should be a life-changing event.**

Going to Mass and receiving the Eucharist should make a difference to the way Catholics live: they should be more accepting of others and more aware of their own sinfulness, said Pope Francis.

"The Eucharist is a celebration of Christ's gift of himself for the salvation of sinners, which is why the Mass begins with people confessing they are sinners and begging for the Lord's mercy." Attending Mass should lead to "the grace of feeling forgiven and able to forgive others". (Pope Francis)

Please 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.