

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Sunday 30 July 2017: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

6.30pm (Saturday) Sisters of Providence (deceased)  
9.00am Andrew James Morgan RIP  
11.00am Parishioners  
5.30pm Ralph Massiah RIP

**Monday 31 July** Friars & Benefactors  
7.30am

**Tuesday 1 August** Quie Chandelle & family  
7.30am

**Wednesday 2 August** Evangelino das Doves da Silva  
7.30am Goncalves RIP

**Thursday 3 August** Martin Reilly RIP  
7.30am

**Friday 4 August** Ralph Massiah RIP  
7.30am  
7.30pm *In honour of the Sacred Heart*

**Saturday 5 August** Patrick Scanlan's intention  
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:**

Laurette Lecomte-Peacock, Gordon Bagshall, Andrew Dancs, Helen Mirrlees, Sarah Carroll, Brian Joseph Lesson, Thomas Haren, Raymond Waite & Mary Coombs.

*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 collection:**

Offertory                      £442.83                      + Gift-aided                      £94.00

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### The Wisdom of Solomon

When we speak about someone having 'the wisdom of Solomon', we mean he or she is wise beyond measure. Solomon won that wisdom by first acknowledging he wasn't smart enough to do the job God had given him to do.

Solomon's father was David. Solomon succeeded while still a youth. Not wishing to disappoint God, he feared that he lacked the skills necessary for the task. So he asked God for wisdom to tell right from wrong.

Another leader would have asked for a long life and personal gain, or for riches and personal pleasure. But Solomon realized he needed something much more practical for the people he was to lead: the wisdom to know right from wrong.

When we face a decision, the first step may be to acknowledge we do not know the answer. We ask God not for personal gain, but for the gift of knowing what is the right thing to do. That will bring peace.



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Response: **Lord, how I love your law!**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

**Entrance Antiphon:** God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

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**Today is the 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A).**

*This Week:*

**Church Cleaning:**

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

**Monday 31 July: St Ignatius of Loyola**

Born in 1491 at Loyola in northern Spain, his early life was led at Court, and he was a soldier in the Spanish army for five years, before being wounded at the Battle of Pamplona fighting the French in 1521. While slowly recuperating, he experienced a spiritual conversion. When he recovered he embarked on pilgrimages, took retreats and studied theology in Barcelona and Paris. The group of followers he gathered round him became the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) in 1539, and was approved by the Pope the following year. Ignatius led the order until his death in 1556. He is also famous for his retreat handbook, the *Spiritual Exercises*.

**Tuesday 1 August: St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

Born into nobility, Alphonsus was a well-educated lawyer by the age of 21. By his late 20s, however, he felt called to religious life and so began to study theology. He was ordained at 29. He founded the Redemptorist Order (the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer), was appointed Bishop of Sant'Agata dei Goti in Rome in 1762, and died in 1787 at the age of 90. A great writer on moral theology and on devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and to Mary, he was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1871.

**Wednesday 2 August: Our Lady of the Angels: Feast of the Portiuncula**

The Portiuncula was one of St Francis's favoured spots. Here he began and grew into his religious life, here he founded the Order of Friars Minor, here he manifested his love of and great devotion to the Mother of God, here he obtained the privilege of the great pardon, and here he ended his earthly life. As we honour *Our Lady of the Angels*, may we find inspiration for our own growth and development in the Gospel way of life.

***Portiuncula Indulgence***

The Franciscan Feast of Our Lady of the Angels grants the faithful who devotedly visit a parish church on August 2<sup>nd</sup> a plenary indulgence for themselves or for a departed soul, under the usual conditions:

- (i) sacramental confession (during the eight days before or after);
- (ii) participation in the Mass and Eucharist;
- (iii) recitation of the Creed, an Our Father, and a prayer for the Pope's intention.

**Friday 4 August: St John Vianney**

Better known as the Curé of Ars, Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney is the patron saint of diocesan priests. He served humbly the small community of Ars in south-eastern France and became well known for his pious spirituality, religious asceticism and pastoral care as a confessor.

**Also on Friday: Holy Rosary (7pm) followed by First Friday Mass**

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

Afterwards, at 7.30pm, we celebrate the First Friday Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, followed by prayer and anointing for healing. As Pope Francis has said: "The Heart of Jesus is not only the Heart that shows us mercy, but also is itself mercy. There the Father's love shines forth; there I am welcomed and understood as I am; there, with all my sins and limitations, I know the certainty that I am chosen and loved."



**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.



**Celebrating the Eucharist**

Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are invited to 'taste and see' God's goodness. Every time we eat the Body of Christ and drink his Blood, he fills us with his grace, his life and his love. At every Mass, we come in touch with the crucified and risen Lord. Recalling his death on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection into glory.

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.

**The Kingdom is like...**

In trying to get people to understand something as mysterious and overwhelming as the kingdom of heaven, Jesus used ordinary objects like seeds and light, salt and yeast. He chose everyday actions like farming, fishing and baking. And in doing so, he helped the people of his time understand the new life that comes with the kingdom of heaven.

What is the kingdom like to you? Take a walk outside, or look around the room you are in right now. Pick any object that catches your attention. Try to imagine how Jesus, the master teacher, would use that object to describe the kingdom of heaven. For example, he might say: "The kingdom of heaven is like this telephone. It connects you to everyone else in the world no matter who or where they are."

Our lives should be a living sign to help others understand what the kingdom of heaven is all about.