

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Sunday 6 August 2017: The Transfiguration of the Lord (Year A)**

6.30pm (Saturday)	Andrew Moran RIP
9.00am	Patrick Gillan RIP
11.00am	Parishioners
5.30pm	James Pender RIP

**Monday 7 August** Friars & Benefactors  
7.30am

**Tuesday 8 August** *St Dominic*  
7.30am Mary Barnes RIP

**Wednesday 9 August** *St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*  
7.30am Andrew Moran RIP

**Thursday 10 August** *St Lawrence*  
7.30am Marie Brigitte Thebault's intention

**Friday 11 August** *St Clare*  
7.30am Intention of Sisters of Providence

**Saturday 12 August**  
8.00am *In honour of Our Lady*

**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:**

Michael Reddington, Lena Gilboy, Mary Barnes, Helena Henetty, Michael Brogan, Kathleen Riordan, George Sweeney, O'Shea & John Towey.

*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:**

<i>Offertory</i>	£399.93	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£125.00
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## *SS Edmund and Frideswide Roman Catholic Church*

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### Transformation in Christ

The Transfiguration tells us that we can be transformed, every day, as we embrace God's word on the mountain: 'This is my beloved Son... Listen to him.' (Matthew 17:5). As we quiet our hearts to hear Jesus' voice, his glory rubs off on us. His word changes our hearts. His glory helps us lift up our heads.

What a wonderful hope this message of transformation is! Without it, we're stuck right where we are. The best we can do is what Peter stammered out: erect a tent to honour what God has done for us.

Of course, commemorating past blessings isn't a bad thing, but God has so much more for us. He wants us to move into the future with him. He invites us to follow him on his journey of love, through the cross to the risen life that he has promised to all of us.

So listen to Jesus today. Try to detect his still voice in prayer, in nature, or in your circumstances. Listen to him, and he will raise you up.



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

Response: **The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

**Entrance Antiphon:** In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, the Beloved: he enjoys my favour. Listen to him. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

**Today is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord (Year A).**

*This Week:*

**Church Cleaning:**

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

**Tuesday 8 August: St Dominic**

Born at Calaruega in Spain about the year 1170, Dominic founded the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), devoted to contemplation, study and preaching. A contemporary of St Francis of Assisi, he died on 6 August 1221 at Bologna.

**Wednesday 9 August: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Feast.**

This feast commemorates a heroine of modern-day persecution, Edith Stein (1891-1942). She was born into an orthodox Jewish family. She became a philosopher and spiritual writer. She became a Catholic in 1922 and entered a Carmelite convent in 1934, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

When the Nazis began persecuting the Jews she left for the Netherlands to protect the nuns in her convent. However, the Nazis invaded Holland and she was arrested, taken to Auschwitz, and gassed in 1942. Pope St John Paul II named her co-patron of Europe.

**Thursday 10 August: St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr**

One of the most influential martyrs of the early Church, this deacon is the subject of countless works of art and the patron of more churches in Rome than any other saint except the blessed Mother of God, Mary. Lawrence is remembered for his extraordinary charity to the poor and hungry, as well as his bravery when roasted to death on a grill, just a few days after the martyrdom of the pope he served.

**Friday 11 August: St Clare**

A close friend of St Francis of Assisi, Clare lived in the same town and heard him preach in the streets. She approached him secretly (for she was from a noble family) and told him of her desire to follow him and live for God. She founded the Order of Poor Ladies (Poor Clares) at San Damiano and led that community for 40 years, devoted to poverty, a life of prayer and silence.

**Also on Friday: Holy Rosary at 7pm**

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

*Looking further ahead:*

**Open Garden: Holy Child Sisters at 89 Rose Hill (opposite the Co-op)**

The Holy Child Sisters invite you to come and share their garden on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons during August, between 2pm and 5pm. The side gate into the garden will be open. You will be most welcome.

Buses 3, 3A and 20 stop very near the house.



**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.

**Through the Eucharist we deepen our unity with Christ.**

Jesus wants to teach all of us. He wants to draw us to himself. Through the Holy Spirit he wants to give us insights into God’s wisdom and love and grace so that we can take on the ‘mind of God’. This happens in a special and powerful way at Mass. As bread is transformed into the Body of Christ, our eyes can be opened to see Jesus. As his body is broken and shared with us, our hearts can be filled with his love and mercy, and that moves us to want to serve.

Morning Mass is celebrated on every weekday (Monday–Friday at 7.30am & Saturday at 8am) 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.

**‘Set free from sin’ (Romans 6:18)**

“To be truly free does not at all mean doing everything that pleases me, or doing what I want to do... To be truly free means to use one’s own freedom for what is a true good.” (St Pope John Paul II)

As we grow up, especially in our teenage years, we begin to learn more about what freedom means. We get to do things we never could before. The trap is that we can begin to think we can do whatever we want to do. But if we call ourselves Christians then we must always do what Jesus would do.



**Br Thomas More Mann OFM Cap. RIP**

It is with great sadness that I have to advise you of the death on Sunday 30 July of Br Thomas More Mann. Br Tom was well known to many parishioners. He was based at the Friary in Erith from 1990 to 1994 during his time as Provincial Minister. He was also based here at Greyfriars, as Guardian and Warden from 1981 to 1990, and when he looked after the Pious Union and St Anthony’s Guild and was the Calendarist for the Order from 2005 to 2014.

His funeral arrangements are as follows:

*Wednesday 16 August at 6pm*—Reception of the body into church at Greyfriars:

*Thursday 17 August at 11am*—Requiem Mass at Greyfriars followed by the transfer of the body to Pantasaph.

Please keep Br Tom and his family in your prayers. May he rest in peace.