

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Sunday 13 August 2017: 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

6.30pm (Saturday)	Franciscan Missionaries of Mary— Deceased
9.00am	Parishioners
11.00am	Stephen Keown RIP
5.30pm	Sisters of Providence

<b>Monday 14 August</b>	<b>St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Martyr</b>	Friars & Benefactors
7.30am		

<b>Tuesday 15 August</b>	<b>The Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven</b>	CMA Parishioners
7.30am		
7.30pm		

<b>Wednesday 16 August</b>		In thanksgiving
7.30am		

<b>Thursday 17 August</b>		David Killeen RIP
7.30am		

<b>Friday 18 August</b>		Intention of Gerard Toman
7.30am		

<b>Saturday 19 August</b>		Patrick Downes RIP
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:**

Sarah Lafferty, William McFarlane, Vincent Gates, Bridget Pollard, Rose Kore, Phyllis Cooke, Noel McCabe, Robert Bonney, Patrick Milmore, Patrick Downes & Michael Kenny.

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

### COLLECTIONS:

**No Second Collection today, & No Second Collection next Sunday**

**Gift-Aided Donations by Standing Order for July 2017: £850**

**Last week's collection:**

<i>Offertory</i>	£467.22	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£70.00
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### A Still, Small Voice

There's a phrase insurance companies use for a natural disaster: an 'act of God'. It's a little unfair to libel God as the originator of deeds of destruction. Even so, when the forces of nature reveal their strength, people become aware of their weakness and meditate on the power of God.

When Elijah fled the murderous Queen Jezebel, he eventually found himself in a cave on the mountain of God, Horeb. There he witnessed God passing by. Not in the strong wind, or an earthquake or fire, but he beheld God's presence in a tiny whispering sound.

Noise fills much of our day. The radio or television breaks the morning silence. Background music filters through stores.

It may not take an 'act of God' for us to be able to find God. It may just take a quiet space.



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Kings 19:9,11-13

Response: **Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

**Entrance Antiphon:** Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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**Today is the 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A).**

***This Week:***

**Church Cleaning:**

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

**Monday 14 August: St Maximilian Kolbe, Franciscan Priest & Martyr**

Born in Poland in 1894, he entered the Franciscan Order and was ordained priest in Rome in 1918. He had a great love for the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was founder of the Militia of Mary Immaculate. He was imprisoned at Auschwitz during World War II, where he gave up his life so that a fellow prisoner, a father of children, could live. He died by a lethal injection of carbolic acid given him by guards.

**Tuesday 15 August: The Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven.**

This day is *a Holy Day of Obligation*.

Today the Church celebrates Mary's welcome into heaven. As we believe that Jesus was the first to rise from the dead, so we believe he has also received his mother into eternity.

Pope Pius XII declared the bodily assumption of Mary into heaven a dogma of the Church in 1950.

***Dogmatic Definition of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary:***

"Therefore, having directed humble and repeated prayers to God, and having invoked the light of the Spirit of Truth; to the glory of almighty God who has bestowed his special bounty on the Virgin Mary, for the honour of his Son the immortal King of ages and victor over sin and death, for the greater glory of his august mother, and for the joy and exultation of the whole Church; by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we proclaim, declare and define as a dogma revealed by God: that the Immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever virgin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven." (Pope Pius XII, 1 November 1950)

**Also on Tuesday 15 August: Day of Prayer and Adoration, 10am-6pm**

A day of prayer and adoration *for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life* will be held on Tuesday in Newman's Chapel, Littlemore, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10am, Midday Prayer and Angelus at noon, and Vespers, Guided Adoration and Benediction from 5-6pm. For more information, telephone 01865 779743 or email [littlemore@newman-friends.org](mailto:littlemore@newman-friends.org).

**Every Friday: Evening Rosary**

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

**Saturday 19 August: Secular Franciscan Order Meeting, 2.15pm**

The Secular Franciscan Order will meet on Saturday at 2.15pm for prayer, followed by reflection on the Gospel of John 1:29-39 to help us try to 'observe the gospel of our

Lord Jesus Christ by following the example of St Francis of Assisi who made Christ the inspiration and the centre of his life with God and people'. All are made welcome.

For more details contact Deacon Richard Budgen on 07881 440305.

***Throughout August:***

**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 the 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.

**Daily Mass**

Jesus wants to give us so much at every Mass. So let's try our best to come ready to receive. Let's come, listen closely and ask the Lord to open our eyes and our hearts.

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.



**Br Thomas More Mann RIP**

His funeral arrangements are as follows:

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

*Thursday 17 August at 11am*—Requiem Mass in the church, followed by the transfer of the body to Pantasaph, N. Wales.

*Friday 18 August at Pantasaph*—Mass and burial.

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