MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 20 August 2017: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday) Fr Thomas 9.00am Parishioners

11.00am Tarcisio Dos Reis Amaral & Fernando

Maia, Fransisku Dos Reis Amaral

5.30pm Filomena de Carvalho, Manuel

Soares Pinto, & Henriacita Carvalho

da Silva

Monday 21 August St Pius X

7.30am Friars & Benefactors

Tuesday 22 August Our Lady, Queen

7.30am **of Heaven** St Anthony

Wednesday 23 August St John Wall,

7.30am *Martyr* Br Loarne

Thursday 24 August St Bartholomew,

7.30am *Apostle* Sr Marie Rubin's intention

Friday 25 August St Louis

7.30am Sisters of Providence—deceased

Saturday 26 August Bl. Dominic Barberi

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:

Raymond Inseal, Anne Kelly, Kazimierz Heller, Maureen Prenderville, Martin Cahalin, Elizabeth Pearson & Leo Jones.

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 £467.17 + Gift-aided £185.00

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A House of Prayer for All Peoples

People different from us can make us really uncomfortable. It's like we don't speak the same language or rely on the same experiences. We have different circles of friends and different sources of trust. For many of us, the best way to deal with people different from us is to avoid them.

But more challenging is to let those who are different from us change our own way of thinking. People who are different from us are able to open our minds to other possibilities and allow us to grow.

God spoke a message of openness through the mouth of the prophet Isaiah. God, who had made the Israelites a special possession, will bring foreigners to the holy mountain and make them joyful in its place of prayer. "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

Is our church a place of welcome for all people?



1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Response: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

2nd Reading: Romans 11:13-15,29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

Today is the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A).

This Week:

Church Cleaning:

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

Monday 21 August: St Pius X

Born at Riese in the province of Venice in 1835, he became a priest, a bishop and then Patriarch of Venice. He was elected Pope in 1903, with the motto, 'To renew all things in Christ'. He renewed public worship and encouraged the frequent reception of Holy Communion, also encouraging its reception by young children. He died on 20 August 1914.

Tuesday 22 August: Our Lady, Queen of Heaven

The queenship of Mary is celebrated on the octave of the Assumption. Last week's solemnity celebrated Mary's entrance into heaven; today's memorial celebrates her reign as heaven's queen.

Wednesday 23 August: St John Wall, Martyr

St John Wall was born in Preston, Lancashire. He was educated at Douai and in Rome. In Rome, he was ordained in 1645 at the age of 25. He joined the Franciscans in Douai and was sent secretly to England to work in Worcestershire. For 22 years he ministered to Catholics. He was arrested, and condemned to death. He was hung, drawn and quartered on 22 August 1679.

Thursday 24 August: St Bartholomew, Apostle

Little is known of St Bartholomew. His name appears in all the lists of the Twelve Apostles in the Synoptic Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles. Tradition says he preached the Gospel in India and was skinned alive. In the Last Judgement fresco on the Sistine Chapel wall, Michelangelo painted his self-portrait on the face of Bartholomew's skinned hide.

Friday 25 August: St Louis, King, Patron of the Secular Franciscans

Born in 1214, Louis became King of France at the age of 22. He married and had eleven children, whom he brought up religiously. He was outstanding in penance and prayer and in his love for the poor. In ruling his kingdom he was concerned not only with peace and the temporal good of his subjects but also with their spiritual welfare. He died in 1270 near Tunis.

Also on Friday: Evening Rosary

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

Saturday 26 August: Blessed Dominic Barberi, Priest

Blessed Dominic Barberi was born in Italy in 1792. He joined the Passionists, and was ordained priest in 1818. In Rome he taught theology, and became their Provincial. He longed to come to this country to be an instrument for the conversion of England, and

in his final years was given the opportunity to do so. On 8 October 1845 he received Blessed John Henry Newman into the Church at Littlemore.

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.

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.

Who Invented the Mass?

Jesus himself. The night before he died, Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with his apostles. At the meal, Jesus took some bread, broke it and said: "This is my body which will be given up for you." [See Matthew 26:26, Mark 14:22, Luke 22:19.] Later, at the end of the meal, he took some wine and said: "This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all. Do this in memory of me." [Cf. Matthew 26:27, Mark 14:23, Luke 22:20.] These are the same words we hear spoken at every Mass. When a priest says them he is acting in the the person of Jesus. Jesus is present. It means that when we come to Mass, we are in the presence of Jesus, just as much as his apostles were at the Last Supper.

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.

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Santa Korobiecki [Blanchini] RIP

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Santa Korobiecki RIP. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 1 September at 10am in the church.

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