

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 3 September 2017: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Gladys Nolan RIP
9.00am	Parishioners
11.00am	Flamina Amaral, Horacio Da Costa & Deolina Barbosa
5.30pm	Recently dead (Bocock)

Monday 4 September

7.30am	Friars & Benefactors
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Tuesday 5 September

7.30am	Vocations
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Wednesday 6 September

7.30am	Kieran Hughes RIP
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Thursday 7 September

7.30am	Sisters of Providence (deceased)
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Friday 8 September

7.30am	<i>Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (deceased)
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Saturday 9 September

8.00am	John Barnes 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:

Lucia Smith, Margaret O'Brien, John Nicholson, Maurice Costello, Mabel Sidaway, Giuseppina Partyka, Martin Meredith, Henry Brennan, John Barnes, John Power & Agnes Jordan.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No Second Collection today

Last week's collection:

<i>Offertory</i>	£445.81	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£64.00
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Second collection next week: Catholic Education Service

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The Renewal of Our Minds

Advertisers want your business. Companies want your allegiance. Football teams want your loyalty. Designers want you wearing their clothes. Politicians want to convince you they will make you happier and healthier.

The Christian message battles hard against the influences of the world. Love for one's neighbour means sharing with those who have less. Forgiveness means making peace with enemies. The call to prayer means Sundays are for worship. It is a hard message to sell in a world that wants your mind.

St Paul tells the Romans, 'Do not conform yourselves to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God.' We discern the will of God by the renewal of our minds.

How can you do that? How can you find strength to be loyal to God above the lures of the world? By serving him, by love, and by serving our brothers and sisters, to please God by your actions.



1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Response: **For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.**

2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

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: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Today is the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A).

This Week:

Provincial Chapter 2017

Please pray for the Friars as they gather for their Chapter on Sunday 3 September. The Friars will return from the Chapter on Friday evening.

N.B. Morning Masses will continue as normal during this week.

Church Cleaning:

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

Friday 8 September: The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Feast.

Mary, the highly favoured daughter of the Father, appears before the eyes of believers as the perfect model of love towards both God and neighbour. As she herself says in the Canticle of the Magnificat, great things were done for her by the Almighty, whose name is holy (Luke 1:49). The Father chose her for a unique mission in the history of salvation: that of being the mother of the long-awaited Saviour. The virgin responded to God's call with complete openness: 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord' (Luke 1:38). Her motherhood, which began in Nazareth and was lived most intensely in Jerusalem at the foot of the Cross, will be felt as a loving and urgent invitation addressed to all the children of God, so that they will return.

Also on Friday 8 September: Evening Rosary

Every Friday evening the Holy Rosary is recited in the church at 7pm. 'The encounter with Christ can completely change our life.' (Pope Francis)

You are invited to recite the Holy Rosary.



First Holy Communion and Reconciliation Programme for 2018

Children applying for First Holy Communion need to be in Year Three (seven years old) and their families need to be part of the Greyfriars parish community. The First Holy Communion programme prepares children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and for First Holy Communion through a series of sessions which will be held on Sunday mornings at 10am in the Friary Chapel. Children are expected to attend one of the Sunday Masses.

As a parent, you have the most important role in the preparation process, which is primarily to accompany your child to Mass, to pray for and with your child, to witness to your faith by your lifestyle and to help them with their homework. Your support and encouragement during the process is vital to the catechist (teacher) and to your child's faith development. Sports, parties and other such compelling attractions must come second to First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion preparation.

Registration forms are available at the back of the church.

The programme will start in the New Year in January.

Confirmation Programme 2018

The Confirmation Programme normally begins in January.

Baptism, the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Confirmation are the sacraments of Christian initiation. The Church teaches that Confirmation binds the baptized more perfectly to the Church, enriching them with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. It helps us to be true witnesses of Christ, helping us to defend the faith by word and deed. The essential rite of Confirmation is anointing the forehead with sacred chrism and the laying on of hands by the bishop—with the words: Be sealed with the Holy Spirit.

Registration forms will be available next week. Candidates need to have finished primary school and be entering or already in secondary school.



Daily Mass

'Worshipping the Lord means giving Him the place that He must have; worshipping the Lord means stating, believing—not only by our words—that He alone truly guides our lives; worshipping the Lord means that we are convinced before Him that He is the only God, the God of our lives, the God of our history.' (Pope Francis)

Celebrate the Mass daily whenever possible.

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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is primarily a Sacrament of Healing. Sin dehumanises us and cuts us off from God and from each other. Many lives are blighted by sin and guilt, by the need for conversion and forgiveness. The Sacrament of Reconciliation gives us the opportunity to express our sorrow for the things we have done wrong, to heal broken relationships, to give ourselves to others and to open up the channels of communication between us and God.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated in the church on Saturdays (11.30am–12 noon and 5.30pm–6.25pm) or on call. Or see a priest after Mass.

Do not Love the World: 1 John 2:15

'Let no-one mislead you or prevent you from seeing what really matters. Turn to Jesus, listen to Him, and discover the true meaning and direction of your life.' (St Pope John Paul I)

Think of all the advertisements you see in one week on television or in magazines. They are trying to sell you something by telling you that if you have what they are selling you will be happy. The Holy Father reminded us not to be fooled. Only in Jesus will we find what really matters and what really brings happiness.