

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 10 September 2017: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Leandro, Isaura Da Costa, Miguel Gongalo, Filipa Fernandes, Liria Costa
9.00am	Parishioners
11.00am	Eileen O' Riordon RIP
5.30pm	James Pender RIP

Monday 11 September

7.30am	Friars & Benefactors
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Tuesday 12 September

7.30am	CMA
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Wed. 13 September *St John*

7.30am	<i>Chrysostom</i>	Rosa Maria Da Silva
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Thurs. 14 September *Exaltation of*

7.30am	<i>the Holy Cross</i>	Anna Tireau's intention
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Friday 15 September *Our Lady of*

7.30am	<i>Sorrows</i>	Sisters of Providence intention
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Sat. 16 September *Sts Cornelius &*

8.00am	<i>Cyprian</i>	<i>In honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
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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:

Stella Weaver, Pietro Rinaldi, Coilin Mathew Kelly, Arthur Devine, Josef Besikewski, Jercy Ludwig, Michael Willoughby, Charles Mann, Mary Morrissey, Agnes Hoare, John Hoffman, Edith Mutters & Michael Dix.

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

COLLECTIONS:

Second Collection today: Catholic Education Service

Gift-Aided Donations by Standing Order for July 2017: £840

Last week's collection:

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

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As Simple as Possible

Everyone wants to be a good citizen and a good Catholic, but it is hard sometimes.

In Jesus' day, the law was complex. At times it appeared that laws conflicted, as when he healed on a Sabbath. Laws of charity conflicted with the laws governing sacred time.

When they asked Jesus for the greatest law, he simplified the complex structure of laws and reduced them to two: love God, and love your neighbour. St Paul told the Romans, 'The one who loves another has fulfilled the law.' He made it very simple.

God is the ultimate judge over how we observe the laws of church and state. God made the rules as simple as possible. When the laws of our institutions seem complex, we can always please God by following the most basic law of all: love.



1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Response: **O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'**

2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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This Week:

Church Cleaning:

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

Wednesday 13 September: St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

John led a life of solitude and asceticism even before pursuing priesthood. He was named Archbishop of Constantinople, but suffered at the hands of powerful enemies and spent many years in exile. His eloquent preaching, however, earned him the name *Chrysostom*, meaning ‘Golden Mouth’.

Thursday 14 September: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

‘We should glory in the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection; through Him we are saved and made free.’

This Thursday the Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. This day actually commemorates the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. The focus of the feast might best be seen through the lens of the antiphon quoted above. Interestingly, this is also the antiphon with which the Church begins the great celebration of the Triduum, the three-day commemoration of Christ’s Passion, Death and Resurrection on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. This can give us a clue to how we should regard the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross: through the Cross of Jesus we have been saved! For those of us who believe, the Cross is much more than a sign of the means by which Christ died. It is a profound symbol of our Christian faith, one that encompasses and represents the heart of our faith: Christ’s Paschal Mystery. Through this instrument of torture and execution, we proclaim that God has brought life and salvation to the world.

Friday 15 September: Our Lady of Sorrows

This title directs our minds and hearts to the spiritual martyrdom of Our Lady in the life, passion and death of her Divine Son, and her singular participation in the work of our salvation. By the fourteenth century, Mary’s ‘dolors’ or sorrows had been enumerated as seven: Our Lord’s circumcision, the flight into Egypt, his being lost in Jerusalem, her meeting with him on the road to Calvary, his death on the Cross, his being taken down from the Cross, and his burial.

It is also the counterpart of yesterday’s feast. This memorial is placed here to illustrate, in symbolic and scriptural ways, Mary’s participation in the work and fruit of her Son’s redemptive mission.

Also on Friday: Evening Rosary

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

Saturday 16 September: Sts Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr

Pope Cornelius defended the faith against heretics and, helped by St Cyprian, confirmed his authority. He died in exile.

St Cyprian was born in Carthage and became its bishop. He was a staunch defender of the faith. He suffered martyrdom.

Also on Saturday 16 September: Come and See

In the Order of Secular Franciscans we take St Francis as our mentor and guide in following Jesus. We will be meeting on Saturday 16 September at 2.15pm, beginning in the Friary Chapel, to pray and discern how to try to be Christians in the spirit of St Francis. All are made welcome.

For more details contact Deacon Richard Budgen on (07881) 440305.



First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Programme 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—Registration Forms

In being baptised, your child was welcomed into the church as a child of God and received sanctifying grace to prepare him or her to follow God. Confirmation completes baptism: your child is enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation marks the presence of Christ in us, giving us the grace, courage and wisdom of the Holy Spirit to live out our baptismal roles as followers of Christ.

Registration is now open for the 2018 confirmation programme. The programme will start in January 2018. The deadline for registration is the end of November. Confirmation candidates need to have finished primary school and be entering, or already in, secondary school.