

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 17 September 2017: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday) Order of Secular Franciscans
 9.00am Parishioners
 11.00am Aida Maria Do Santos, Maria de Jesus Santos & Belarmino Do Santos RIP
 5.30pm Bertram John Massey's intention

Monday 18 September

7.30am Friars & Benefactors

Tuesday 19 September *St Francis Mary*

7.30am *of Camporosso* Maria Pereira's intention

Wed. 20 September *St Andrew Kim*

7.30am *Taegon et al.* Pious Union

Thursday 21 September *St Matthew,*

7.30am *Apostle* Br. Loarne

Friday 22 September *St Ignatius of*

7.30am *Santhia* Br. Thomas More RIP

Sat. 23 September *St Padre Pio*

8.00am *of Pietrelcina* In honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe

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:

Wasył Luciw, Lilian Corker, Mary Laval, Frances Connearn Taylor, William Simpson, Kevin Henry & Ellen Bridgwater.

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

COLLECTIONS:

Second Collection today: Catholic Evangelisation

Last week's collections:

Offertory	£503.83	+ Gift-aided	£109.00
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Catholic Education Service	£147.10	+ Gift-aided	£37.00
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Second collection next week: Fr Hudson's Society

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Are We Really in Control?

We fill our lives with activities. We rely on our own strength. We depend on other people. We forget sometimes the God who made us, who loves us, and who will one day call us home.

When life is going well, we think of ourselves as our own masters. We have freedoms and choices, about our families, work and recreation. But then we discover we cannot control everything.

Sometimes this does not sink in until tragedy touches our lives. We realise we are not in control, we wake up to our dependence on God.

God governs creation and redemption and all that lies in the middle. We are the beloved of God. God does everything for us in love, and all that we do in life is in response to the love we receive.

We belong to God.



1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9

Response: **The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

2nd Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Today is the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A).

This Week:

Church Cleaning:

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

Tuesday 19 September: St Francis Mary of Camporosso, Capuchin

Born in 1804, he became a Capuchin and acted as questor in Genoa for 40 years, with spiritual and temporal benefit to its citizens. His obvious holiness led people to call him ‘the holy father’. In 1866, during a cholera epidemic, he offered himself to God as a victim of charity on behalf of the afflicted. He died on 17 September that year.

Wednesday 20 September: St Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions, Martyrs

Today we honour Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chang and 101 other Korean martyrs, clergy and lay people of all ages. They are included in the General Calendar so all the world may recognize the universality of faith and witness.

Thursday 21 September: St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Matthew was a tax collector for the Roman government. He presents his vocation story as an example of Jesus’ ability to see not just what we are, but what we can be. Jesus’ table fellowship with sinners, then as now, is a scandal to those who always see the Lord’s table as a reward for righteousness rather than a healing therapy.

Friday 22 September: St Ignatius of Santhia, Capuchin Priest

Born in Italy, he was ordained a diocesan priest at the age of twenty-four. Six years later, he entered the Capuchin Order, taking the name Ignatius. Eventually he was sent to the Friary of Torino Monte—as sacristan and confessor—people flocked to his confessional. He was called the ‘father of sinners and the lost’. He also served as chaplain to the military, hospital chaplain and Master of Novices. He died in 1770.

Also on Friday: Evening Rosary

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

Saturday 23 September: St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

Born in Pietrelcina in southern Italy in 1887, he entered the Capuchin Order in 1903. He was ordained priest and sent to San Giovanni Rotondo, where, except for a few brief interruptions, he remained until his death in 1968. While praying before the Crucifix, he received the gift of the Stigmata. During his life he founded the ‘Prayer Groups’ and a modern hospital, to which he gave the name, ‘The Home for Relief of Suffering’. He was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2002.



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.

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’).

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Daily Mass

If you, for no other reason, choose to go to daily Mass let it be for the genuine encounter with Christ. You will literally encounter Christ in the Mass. Your flesh and His will unite in a way unachievable anywhere else in our existence.

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.