

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 1 October 2017: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday) Mary Charles RIP
 9.00am Parishioners
 11.00am Joanna & Maroin: 10th Wedding Anniversary
 5.30pm Margaret & Kevin's intention

Monday 2 October *The Guardian Angels*

7.30am Friars & Benefactors

Tuesday 3 October *St Thomas Cantilupe*

7.30am *St Anthony*

Wednesday 4 October *St Francis of Assisi*

7.30am Sr Margaret O'Sullivan
 7.00pm OFS

Thursday 5 October

7.30am Deceased Friars & Benefactors

Friday 6 October

7.30am Mrs Darling
 7.30pm *In honour of the Sacred Heart*

Saturday 7 October

8.00am Isabella Pereira

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:

Glenys O'Reilly, Edmund Murphy, Marjorie Cook, Mash Griezitis, Anthony McDonnell, Catherine Drennan & Hilda Sidthorp.

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

COLLECTIONS:

Second Collection today: Diocesan Schools Fund

Last week's collections:

Offertory	£406.40	+ Gift-aided	£107.00
Father Hudson's Society	£174.08	+ Gift-aided	N/A

Second collection next week: Harvest Fast (CAFOD)

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God Sees to the Heart

Even if you live a good life, if you do one thing wrong, people will never let you forget about it. They remind you of your past foolishness. It doesn't seem fair, because you have been so good otherwise.

But God sees to the heart. God knows a person's intent. God knows what a person is responsible for and how sincerely they are trying to do what is right. That's a good thing for us.

It means that if we who are basically good commit some wrong act we can still obtain mercy when we repent. Mercy comes from a God who expects us to change for the better.



1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Response: **Remember your mercy, Lord.**

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Entrance Antiphon: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Today is the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A).

This Week:

Church Cleaning:

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

Monday 2 October: The Guardian Angels

Today's celebration has been on the Calendar since 1670 as a way of proclaiming God's protection for all who are helpless. In the Gospel, Jesus challenges his followers to become 'the little ones', by which Matthew understands not only children, but all who follow Christ and embrace his teaching with the openness and trustfulness of children. God's providential love shelters such seekers. In Jesus' imagery they live under the watchful care of angels who 'continually see the face of God'.

Tuesday 3 October: St Thomas Cantilupe, Bishop (1218-1282)

St Thomas Cantilupe was born of a noble family and educated at Oxford. As a priest he lectured at Oxford University and served two terms as Chancellor of the University. In 1275 he became Bishop of Hereford.

Also on Tuesday: The Transitus, at 7pm

On Tuesday evening we celebrate the *Transitus*—the death of St Francis. The parish community is invited to attend this special celebration at 7pm, in which we commemorate the last moments of St Francis' life, his *transitus* from earthly life into eternity. In it we recall the time leading up to his death and what he said to the Friars who were with him.

If you've never been to the *Transitus* before, come along to this celebration at 7pm. Afterwards, refreshments will be served in the Hall.

Wednesday 4 October: Our Holy Father St Francis of Assisi

On Wednesday 4 October, we celebrate the Solemnity of St Francis of Assisi. Mass will be celebrated at the usual time of 7.30am in the Friary Chapel. There will be a special Mass celebrated at 7pm in the church, at which a Dominican from Blackfriars will preach. Come and celebrate this special Mass with us.

St Francis of Assisi is one of the most beloved saints. The 'little poor man' is known for a life of voluntary poverty. His simple approach to life and his love for God's creation have made him a charismatic figure to every generation.

Thursday 5 October: All Deceased Capuchins

Every year, after the Solemnity of St Francis, each of our fraternities will celebrate a memorial Mass for all the deceased brothers and benefactors.

Friday 6 October: Rosary & First Friday Mass—Sacred Heart

On Friday we celebrate the First Friday Mass at 7.30pm after public recitation of the Rosary at 7pm. The Mass is in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with prayers and anointing for healing.

This Friday, 6 October: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

CAFOD envelopes are available in church *this Sunday*. At all Masses *next Sunday*, there will be a second collection for CAFOD. This Fast Day, we are standing with Edelmira, a farmer in El Salvador, as she works to sustain her family with good crops and harvests. With your help, CAFOD is giving her and farmers like her training, fruit trees, and strong seeds. **Please take a Fast Day envelope today, fast this Friday and give what you can next Sunday.**



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. Registration forms are available at the back of the church.

Confirmation: Register for the 2018 Confirmation Programme

Registration is now open for the 2018 programme, which will start in January. The deadline for registration is the end of November. 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.

Registration forms are available at the back of the church.

Children/Youth Choir (for ages 6-16)

Singing, games & fun. Everyone welcome! *Practice*: Sundays 10–10.45am, & Saturdays 12.30–1.15pm in the Church Hall. *Singing at 5.30pm Mass on Sundays*.



John Lynch RIP

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of John Lynch RIP. His body will be received into the church this Thursday, 5 October, at 5pm. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday at 12 noon.

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

NB. Old £1 Coins going out of circulation

Old-style (round) £1 coins cease to be legal tender on Sunday 15 October. Please make sure that *after next Sunday* (8 October) any £1 coins you put in the collection are the new-style twelve-sided ones. Thank you!