

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 8 October 2017: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday) Ezra Moore RIP
 9.00am Ann & Terry (Golden Wedding Anniversary)
 11.00am Clara Goncalves, Julião Verdigão, Domingas Adriana Freitas
 5.30pm Parishioners

Monday 9 October *Bl. John Henry Newman*
 7.30am Friars & Benefactors

Tuesday 10 October
 7.30am Kieran Hughes

Wednesday 11 October *Bl. William Howard, Martyr*
 7.30am Vocations

Thursday 12 October *St Seraphim of Montegrano*
 7.30am Jacqueline Guillin's intention

Friday 13 October
 7.30am José Martins & Domingos Rodrigues

Saturday 14 October
 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:

Paul Dabney, Agnes Morris, Mary Lynch, Thomas Hicks, Bridget Conroy & Margaret Burke.

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

COLLECTIONS:

Second Collection today: Harvest Fast (CAFOD)

Last week's collections:

Offertory	£406.40	+ Gift-aided	£107.00
Diocesan Schools Fund	£174.08	+ Gift-aided	N/A

Gift-Aided Donations by Standing Order for September 2017: £730

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In the Face of Failure

We hate to hear that we have failed. But it is better to face failure than to ignore it. If we have sinned, it is better to confess to God than to pretend we are righteous.

Isaiah tells of a friend who planted a vineyard, tended the ground, cleared the stones and built a watchtower for its protection. The friend did all the things you should do if you want a successful crop. But the vineyard did not cooperate. The vineyard produced wild grapes, not good ones.

Isaiah tells this sad story about ancient Israel. God had nourished the chosen people like a vine grower, but they did not produce the desired fruit. They rebelled against the God who loved them. The vineyard of God was trampled by enemies who took over the land.

Our sins cause pain to ourselves as well as to others. When we fail, God can use our misfortune to turn our hearts back to the divine command.



1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Response: **The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

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CAFOD Harvest Fast Day:

This weekend: a second collection at all Masses for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.

CAFOD is the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England & Wales. Please give what you can today to help lift some of the world's poorest people out of poverty.

NB. Old £1 Coins going out of circulation next week

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

This Week:

Church Cleaning:

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

Monday 9 October: Blessed John Henry Newman, Priest

John Henry Newman was born in London in 1801. As an Anglican clergyman, he was influential in the Oxford Movement. He was received into full communion with the Church by Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Mother of God on this day in 1845 while living at Littlemore, Oxford. Following his ordination to the priesthood, he founded the Oratory of St Philip Neri in England. He died in 1890 and was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in Birmingham in 2010.

Wednesday 11 October: Blessed William Howard, Layman & Martyr

Born in 1616, grandson of Blessed Philip Howard, Viscount Stafford, he was accused of complicity in the 'Popish Plot', and after imprisonment for two years was beheaded at Tower Hill in 1680. He was beatified in 1929.

Thursday 12 October: St Seraphim of Montegrano, Capuchin Brother

Born in 1540 to a poor family but one that was fervent in its religious practice, he joined the Capuchins as a lay brother when he was eighteen. His life was noted for its unaffected simplicity, close union with Christ, and great love for the poor. He spent the last years of his life in Ascoli and was a messenger of peace and goodness to the whole city. He died in the year 1604.

Friday 13 October: Holy Rosary at 7pm

On Friday evenings the Holy Rosary is recited in the church at 7pm. All are welcome.



Looking further ahead:

November: Holy Souls

The November envelopes and the List for the Deceased are now available at the back of the church. Please return them as soon as possible. The List of the Dead will be placed under the altar and Masses will be said for the Holy Souls during November.

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 confirmation 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. The course is known as the RCIA (which stands for 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults').

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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.

IF YOU GO INTO HOSPITAL

Catholics in hospital are unlikely to receive an automatic visit from the Catholic Chaplain. If someone is taken to hospital, please let the Friary know or ask the staff on the ward to contact the Catholic Chaplain so that the patient may receive Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of the Sick.

Holy Communion for the Housebound

As we get older, we are not always able to attend Mass and need to receive the Sacrament at home. The priest or a eucharistic minister normally takes Holy Communion to the housebound at times when it is convenient. Please let Fr Gordon know if you or a loved one cannot attend Mass, and he will arrange Holy Communion at home.

Morning Mass

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.