

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 15 October 2017: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday) Jimmy & Geraldine O'Leary and family
 9.00am Parishioners
 11.00am Adelina Soares, Jacinta Barres, Bernardino Soares RIP and Angelina Soares RIP
 5.30pm Mary K. Colton RIP

Monday 16 October

7.30am Friars & Benefactors

Tuesday 17 October *St Ignatius of Antioch*

7.30am *St Anthony*

Wednesday 18 October *St Luke*

7.30am CMA

Thursday 19 October *St Frideswide*

7.30am Deceased Sisters of Providence

Friday 20 October

7.30am John Lynch RIP

Saturday 21 October

8.00am John Ryan RIP

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:

Lewis Laurence Boyle, Bridget Hastings, Anne Gellately, Christopher Jones, Barbara Kathleen Barson, Julia Hogan, Robert Barford, Donald Boyle, Joan Wybraniec & Margaret Noonan.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No Second Collection today. Next week: APF World Mission Sunday

Last week's collections:

Offertory	£456.36	+ Gift-aided	£117.00
Harvest Fast (CAFOD)	£ 469.69	(inc. £180 gift-aided)	` 1

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God's Power over Death

Death creeps into our lives almost secretly. We lose members of our families and close friends.

For those who believe in Christ, death is but a passageway to eternity. Isaiah offers images of God's providence that fit the hope of Christians. He imagines a new Jerusalem. In his vision, God provides a rich banquet in which God's people taste delight.

Isaiah imagines death as a veil that covers everyone, a web woven over all the nations. But in this vision, that veil is fragile, subject to destruction by God's deliberate might.

For Christians, the contrast between death and life in Christ is the contrast between hunger and banquet. Whenever the sadness of death threatens to overtake the people we love or our very own lives, our belief in Christ brings all the comfort and strength we need.



1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Response: **In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.**

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Entrance Antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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Today is the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A).

NB. Old £1 Coins going out of circulation today

Old-style (round) £1 coins will no longer be legal tender after today. Please make sure that **beginning from today** 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 A: the Joyce family. Thank you.

Tuesday 17 October: St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

He became the second Bishop of Antioch after St Peter. He wrote seven letters to early church communities, similar in style to the New Testament Epistles but composed a generation later. Ignatius was sentenced to death by being thrown to wild beasts, and for this purpose he was sent to Rome to suffer martyrdom.

Wednesday 18 October: St Luke the Evangelist. Feast.

Luke was a Greek Gentile and a medical man. He converted to the faith and was a companion of the Apostle Paul. He wrote his Gospel in accordance with that Apostle's preaching. He also wrote the account of the early days of the Church called *The Acts of the Apostles*.

Also on Wednesday this week: Padre Pio Prayer Group

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 25 October at 7pm in the Friary Chapel for Rosary, Mass and intercessory prayers, and veneration of Padre Pio's relic. All are welcome to join us. Please come to the main door of the Friary, 182 Iffley Road.

Thursday 19 October: St Frideswide, Abbess

St Frideswide was the daughter of Didan, prince of a district bordering the Upper Thames. She was foundress and abbess of the nunnery of St Mary's under the Rule of St Benedict on the site of what is now Oxford. She is the patroness of the city and the University of Oxford.

Friday 20 October: Holy Rosary at 7pm

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

October is the month of the Rosary. It is a good time to commit to praying the Rosary every day. The Rosary will bring great peace and holiness to our life. It is a powerful instrument for conversion and a means of honouring Mary.

Saturday 21 October: COME AND SEE

The Order of Secular Franciscans take Saint Francis as our mentor and guide in following Jesus. We will be meeting on Saturday 21 October at 2.15pm, beginning in the friary Chapel, to pray and discern how to try to be Christians in the spirit of Saint Francis. At this meeting we will be welcoming one of our enquirers into the next stage of their journey towards becoming a Secular Franciscan. All are made welcome. For

more details contact Deacon Richard on 07881 440305.



Looking further ahead:

Month of November: Holy Souls

As the weather grows colder and the leaves fall, it is natural that our thoughts turn to those we have loved who are no longer with us.

The Catholic Church offers us November as a month of the Holy Souls, for those who have died in grace, yet who have not made satisfaction for all of their sins.

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').

Registration forms are available at the back of the church.



If the Lord wishes (James 4:15)

"The Lord will help you to know his will; he will help you to follow your vocation courageously." (St John Paul II)

Think about that. God wills something wonderful for each of us. We each have a special vocation. Some of us will be called to be witnesses to Christ through marriage, some through single life, some through vowed religious life, and some through ordained priesthood. Each vocation requires courage to follow its path.

In prayer—ask the Lord to help you know his will.