

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 22 October 2017: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Dony O'Hanlon
9.00am	Parishioners
11.00am	Jose da Costa Fernandes & Eida da Costa
5.30pm	James Pender RIP

Monday 23 October	St John of Capistrano,	
7.30am	Franciscan Priest	Friars & Benefactors

Tuesday 24 October	
7.30am	Sandra Weatherby

Wednesday 25 October	
7.30am	Kieran Hughes

Thursday 26 October	
7.30am	Pious Union

Friday 27 October	
7.30am	Leonel Ricardo & Pascoela Sarmento

Saturday 28 October	Sts Simon & Jude,	<i>In honour of Our Lady of</i>
8.00am	Apostles	<i>Guadalupe</i>

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:

Alice Collins, Nora Folan, Kathleen Robinson, Norah Maskell, Timothy O'Shea, John McAndrew & Patricia Adams.

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

COLLECTIONS:

Second Collection today: APF World Mission Sunday

Last week's collection:

Offertory	£523.12	+ Gift-aided	£96.00
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No Second Collection next Sunday

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Keeping a Community Alive

Faith, hope and love are signs of a community alive. They show human activity inspired by God.

The *First Letter to the Thessalonians* describes such a community. Paul and his companions had preached the Good News by their words, but the Holy Spirit had added power to their preaching. The success of the venture was evident in three ways: faith, hope and love.

We have faith in God and demonstrate that faith by our worship together and prayer. Faith prompts believers to work for the sake of the Gospel, spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

Love brings happiness and joy, but it demands work and patience.

Hope makes endurance possible. Waiting for the coming of Christ, we hope in his word. Faith, hope and love keep communities alive.



1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Response: **Give the Lord glory and power.**

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Entrance Antiphon: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

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

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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This Week:

Church Cleaning:

This week is the turn of Group B: Sam/John. Thank you.

Monday 23 October: St John of Capistrano, Franciscan Priest

John was born in 1386 in Capistrano in what was then the Kingdom of Naples. He studied law at Perugia, and in due course exercised the office of judge. He joined the Franciscans and was ordained priest. He had a great love for the Holy Name of Jesus and was renowned for his preaching. He died in Croatia in 1456.

Wednesday 25 October: 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 26 October: Taizé Prayer



On the last Thursday of each month you are invited to attend a Taizé prayer service at 7.30pm in the Friary Chapel. Taizé-style worship centres on singing, prayer, and readings from Scripture. Brother Alois from Taizé wrote: 'The exchange with God becomes real for us in prayer; by his Holy Spirit God comes to dwell with us. By his Word and by the Sacraments, Christ gives himself to us. In

return, we can surrender everything to him.'

Friday 27 October: Holy Rosary at 7pm

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

Saturday 28 October: Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles

The Church celebrates the feast of these two apostles on the same day. St Simon was called 'the zealous one' because he had so much devotion to the Jewish Law. When Jesus called him to be an apostle, he gave heart and energy to preaching the Gospel. After Pentecost, he went to Egypt, and then to Persia with Jude. Both were martyred.

St Jude is sometimes called Thaddeus, which means 'the brave one'. At the Last Supper, Jesus said, 'He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and show myself to him.' Jude asked, 'Lord, how is it that you are about to show yourself to us and not to the world?' The Lord answered, 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my words, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.' St Jude is also known as the saint of 'desperate or impossible cases'. People pray to him when things seem hopeless.

Looking further ahead:

For Your Diary:

Wednesday 1 November: All Saints

This day is the Solemnity of *All Saints*, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. On this day we celebrate the feast of all unknown souls who are in heaven. The Church reminds us that sanctity is within everyone's reach.

Mass will be celebrated at 7.30am & 7.30pm. Both Masses will be in the church.

Thursday 2 November: All Souls

On this day we celebrate *All Souls*, praying for all who in the purification of Purgatory await the day when they will join the company of the saints. Mass and prayers will be offered for them.

Mass will be celebrated at 7.30am & 7.30pm. Both Masses will be in the church.

Month of November: Holy Souls

During November we focus on those who have died, not only on All Souls Day but throughout the month. You are invited to collect your November envelopes from the back of the church, write on the list the names of loved ones who have died, and return it as soon as possible. These names will be placed under the altar throughout November and Masses will be said for them. Please place your offering in the envelope.



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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