

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Sunday 29 October 2017: 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

6.30pm (Saturday) Mary O'Mullane  
 9.00am Parishioners  
 11.00am Jean Keown RIP  
 5.30pm Order of Secular Franciscans

**Monday 30 October**

7.30am Friars & Benefactors

**Tuesday 31 October**

7.30am Kath Smith RIP

**Wednesday 1 November Solemnity of  
 All Saints**

7.30am John Lynch RIP  
 7.30pm Parishioners

**Thursday 2 November All Souls**

7.30am Holy Souls  
 7.30pm Clare Conway RIP

**Friday 3 November**

7.30am Kieran Hughes; Holy Souls  
 7.30pm *In honour of the Sacred Heart*

**Saturday 4 November St Charles Borromeo**

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:**

Roman Adamczyk, Norah Tracy-Kelly, Stanislaw Trebo, James O'Sullivan, Winnie Joyce, Eileen Moore, Patrick O'Dea, Martin Early, Ellen Arnold, Patrick King, Sr Mary Nagle, Mavis Enock, & Margaret Jones.

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

### COLLECTIONS:

**No Second Collection today**

**Last week's collections:**

Offertory	£527.74	+ Gift-aided	£82.00
APF World Mission Sunday	£172.30	+ Gift-aided	N/A

**Second Collection next Sunday: Johnson Association**

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## When Faith has Taken Root, it can Spread

When faith takes root, it spreads. When you are truly touched by the mercy of God, you tell other people. You share your faith. They come to believe because of your testimony.

Paul, Timothy and Silvanus, writing to the Thessalonians, complimented them on their faith. It had taken root and it was spreading. The Thessalonians were telling the world about Christ.

If you have experienced peace through faith, and if you know someone suffering some affliction, you can do the world a favour. Proclaim the peace of Jesus Christ.

Faith has taken root in your heart. Let it spread.



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Response: **I love you, Lord, my strength.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God

## Today is the 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A).



### The Month of November

November opens a season of the year when our thoughts turn towards the fear of death, the hope of eternal life, the gratitude we feel for God's gifts and the charity we owe to others. We look around, and the trees are almost barren of leaves and the autumn chill settles in to stay.

During November the Church prays especially for those who have gone before us.

#### November envelopes are available from the back of the church.

Write on the list the names of loved ones who have died, and return them as soon as possible. These names will be placed under the altar throughout November and Masses will be said for the Holy Souls. Please place your offering in the envelope.

'It is a good and holy thing to pray for the dead.'

#### *This Week:*

#### Church Cleaning:

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

#### Wednesday 1 November: All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)

On Wednesday we recognize all the saints in heaven in a single celebration. This feast serves as a catch-all for saints we do not recognize individually throughout the year, but it also honours the triumphant church of the resurrection. The saints, in a way, are God's harvest. God has reaped the fruits of good sowing and gathered the faithful into the eternal storehouse.

Please remember that the Solemnity of All Saints is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Church reminds us that sanctity is within everyone's reach.

Mass will be celebrated *in the church at 7.30am and 7.30pm.*

#### Thursday 2 November: All Souls

Two Masses again today, both celebrated in the church, at 7.30am and at 7.30pm.

On this day, we remember the deceased among the faithful who await their entrance into eternal glory. These two days together (All Saints and All Souls) honour the dead. Yesterday's celebration remembered the saints, whose excellent lives make them sure models of redemption. On All Souls we pray for our brothers and sisters who need forgiveness for their sins, who yearn to see the face of God.

#### Friday 3 November: Rosary at 7pm; First Friday Mass at 7.30pm

On Friday evenings the Holy Rosary is recited in the church at 7pm. This being the first Friday of the month, we also celebrate a Mass to honour the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 7.30pm, followed by prayers and anointing for healing.

#### Saturday 4 November: St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

'Humility' was the motto for Charles Borromeo, a bishop of Milan whose pastoral mind made him extremely influential in applying the teachings of the Church to his

diocese after the Council of Trent, establishing seminaries and schools and renewing the life of the clergy. During the plague of 1567 he was active in the care of the sick.



#### *Looking further ahead:*

#### Tuesday 7 November: Catholic Handicapped Fellowship Bingo & Raffle

The Catholic Handicapped Fellowship, Oxford, will hold a Bingo & Raffle at Cowley Workers Social Club (Between Towns Road) in aid of the Fellowship Lourdes Pilgrimage-18, starting at 7.30pm.

Eyes down 8pm. Bingo tickets at the door. Huge Raffle.

#### 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.



#### Teach me to do your will (Ps. 143:10)

Pope St John Paul II: 'I want to invite you to fix your eyes on Jesus, the Lord of Life.'

We tend to 'fix our eyes' on things that we find attractive. Well, fixing our eyes on Jesus means that we find him and his ways attractive to us. By fixing our eyes on him, we can learn more about him as we study his ways and his life.

Come to a morning Mass during the week (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.



#### Clothe yourselves in Love (Colossians 3:14)

'God is Love; every person is loved by God, who expects to be welcomed and loved by each one.' (Pope St John Paul II)

God expects us to welcome and love him! Why? Because God is love and God loves us! Love is God's gift to us. It is because of God's love that we are capable of loving others and of being loved by others.