

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 5 November 2017: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday) Smith & M^cKeanda family
 9.00am Parishioners
 11.00am Marta Hevzlarova RIP
 5.30pm Holy Souls

Monday 6 November Friars & Benefactors;
 7.30am Holy Souls

Tuesday 7 November St Anthony;
 7.30am Holy Souls

Wednesday 8 November *Bl. George Napier*

7.30am Holy Souls;
 7.30pm Afonso Ramos

Thursday 9 November *Dedication of the
 Lateran Basilica* Kieran Hughes
 7.30am

Friday 10 November *St Leo the Great*
 7.30am Kieran Hughes

Saturday 11 November *St Martin of Tours*
 8.00am Kieran Hughes

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:

Joseph Gallagher, Catherine Inseal, Bridget Hancock, Orlando Grisoli, Molly Ruddock, Thomas Maughan, John Blick, Michael Devaney, John MulKirren, Eusebia Hawkes & George Montgomery.

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

COLLECTIONS:

Second Collection today: Johnson Association

Last week's collection:

Offertory	£496.12	+ Gift-aided	£128.00
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Second Collection next Sunday: Diocesan Schools Fund

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Proclaiming the Gospel

When Paul and his companions visited the community at Thessalonika, they chose a gentle style. They brought the Gospel in love, not with force.

They felt very close to the people they evangelized. They shared their faith, which was extremely important to them, but they also shared their lives—their joys and sorrows, their hopes and dreams. The community experienced together the love that Jesus had preached.

God has made each one of us a minister of the word. We are not same as the message, but the message will be conveyed by how we live. If we live in peace and friendship with others, we will proclaim the Gospel message in more than words.



1st Reading: Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

Response: **Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.**

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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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. *Please send in your list of deceased relatives and friends.* Their names will be placed near the altar throughout November and Masses will be said for the Holy Souls.

This Week:

Church Cleaning:

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

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), starting at 7.30pm, in aid of the Fellowship Lourdes Pilgrimage-18.

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

Wednesday 8 November: Blessed George Napier, Priest & Martyr

Blessed George Napier was born in Oxford and educated at Douai. He ministered as a priest for seven years before his martyrdom in Oxford in 1610.

Thursday 9 November: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

In any diocese the role of the cathedral is extremely important. It serves as the mother church of all the parishes of that diocese and it is the church of the local bishop. In fact, the word 'cathedral' comes from the Latin word *cathedra*, meaning 'chair', referring to the bishop's chair, a symbol of his role as chief shepherd of the diocese. Therefore it makes sense that the whole Church should celebrate the anniversary of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica: it is the mother church of all Catholics. As such it reminds us of the unity of the universal Church, the unity we share in Christ Jesus, whose body we are as a Church.

Friday 10 November: St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

Born in Tuscany, he became Pope in the year 440. He was a true father and shepherd of his people. He constantly strove to preserve the integrity of the faith and defended the unity of the Church. He died in 461, having defended the city of Rome from attack by the barbarians.

Also on Friday 10 November: Rosary at 7pm

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

Saturday 11 November: St Martin of Tours

St Martin was born in present-day Hungary about the year 316. He was still a catechumen when he severed his garment and gave half to a shivering beggar. Later, in a dream, he saw Christ with the beggar's face. After his baptism he became a disciple of St Hilary of Poitiers. He became Bishop of Tours, France. He died in 397. He was the first non-martyr with an annual feast day in the Church's calendar.

Looking further ahead:

Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday

The 11am Mass next Sunday will be celebrated as a Requiem Mass for all who died in the Great Wars and present-day conflicts.

Tuesday 14 November: St Joseph's Primary School Open Afternoon

You are warmly invited to an open afternoon at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Headley Way, Oxford OX3 7SX, on Tuesday 14 November, 3.30pm–5.30pm.

Tel.: 01865 763357. Website: www.st-josephs-pri.oxon.sch.uk

First Holy Communion Classes

Classes will be held on Sunday mornings at 10am, starting on 14 January 2018. The First Holy Communion children meet in the church before class. Registration forms can be found at the back of the church.

Confirmation Class: Starts in January

Registration forms are available at the back of the church. Confirmation candidates need to have finished primary school and be entering, or already in, secondary school.



Tea/Coffee after the 11am Sunday Mass

Please note that after the 11am Sunday Mass tea and coffee are served in the Parish Hall—a time to relax and take the chance to get to know each other.

Greyfriars Choir

Can you sing? Would you like to join a friendly choir? Do you sing at Mass? Do you like to sing? Why not join the choir at the 11am Mass each Sunday—all are welcome. The choir rehearses before Mass on Sunday at 10.30am, and usually on Wednesday evenings in the sacristy at 8pm.

Please speak to the organist, John Brennan, after Mass for further information, or contact him by telephone (01865 243220).



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available in the church on Saturdays from 11.30am till 12 noon and from 5.30pm to 6.25pm, or after Masses, or on call at the Friary.