

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 12 November 2017: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

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| 6.30pm (Saturday) | Parishioners |
| 9.00am | Holy Souls |
| 11.00am | Kieran Hughes |
| 5.30pm | Maria Alice & Luiz Damesquia |

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| Monday 13 November | Kieran Hughes; |
| 7.30am | Holy Souls |

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| Tuesday 14 November | <i>St Nicholas Tavelic</i> | Kieran Hughes; |
| 7.30am | <i>& Companions</i> | Holy Souls |

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| Wednesday 15 November | Kieran Hughes; |
| 7.30am | Holy Souls |

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| Thursday 16 November | <i>St Edmund of</i> | Holy Souls |
| 7.30am | <i>Abingdon</i> | |

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| Friday 17 November | <i>St Elizabeth of</i> | Matthew Tobin; |
| 7.30am | <i>Hungary</i> | Holy Souls |

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| Saturday 18 November | <i>In honour of Our Lady</i> |
| 8.00am | <i>of 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:

James Gibson, Rev Fr Eltin Daly, John Kinane, Carlo Salamone, Donald Boalch, James Ryan, Stephen McInerney, Hilda Brennan, John Healey, Frances Linstead-Eales, Mary Rolls & Peter McDonagh.

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

COLLECTIONS:

Second Collection today: Diocesan Schools Fund

Last week's collections:
totals not yet available

No Second Collection next week

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Remembrance Sunday

'Wear your poppy with pride', we are urged, in memory of those who died during the wars. A poem beginning 'In Flanders fields the poppies blow', written by a medical officer with the First Canadian Army Contingent, greatly impressed one American lady reader, who decided wearing a poppy was a good way to keep faith with the fallen. She wrote 'The Victory Emblem' in reply. Two days before the Armistice in 1918 some of the overseas War Secretaries of the YMCA, for whom she worked, gave her some money with which she bought two dozen or so red poppies and sold them to help ex-servicemen and dependants in need. As a result, the first ever Poppy Day was held in Britain on the first anniversary of the Armistice. Today, 35 million poppies and 65,000 wreaths are bought by people who are grateful for the wartime sacrifice of so many.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.



1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Response: **For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.**

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Entrance Antiphon: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

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This Week:

Church Cleaning:

This week is the turn of Group A: Mary Joyce & family. Thank you.

Tuesday 14 November: St Nicholas Tavelic & Companions, Martyrs

Nicholas was born in Croatia about the year 1340. For several years he preached the Gospel in Bosnia with Deodatus, a companion. With several other Friars they travelled to Palestine, proclaiming the Christian faith. They were condemned by the Cadi of Jerusalem in 1391.

Also on Tuesday 14 November: Christian Life Community, Information Session

There have been Christian Life Community groups in Oxford for many years, inspired by the spirituality of St Ignatius. As CLC members we experience God helping us to live our daily lives in a Christian way.

Would you like to know more about the Christian Life Community and what it has to offer you? Come and see! Our Information Session will take place in the University of Oxford Catholic Chaplaincy, Rose Place, St Aldate's, on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

Thursday 16 November: St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop

St Edmund was born in Abingdon about 1175 and studied at Oxford and Paris. He lectured for a time at Oxford before becoming Treasurer of Salisbury Cathedral and then, in 1233, Archbishop of Canterbury. He did much to reform church discipline and defend the rights of the Church. He died in 1240 at Soisy, France, while on his way to Rome. His name has been given to colleges in Oxford and Cambridge.

Friday 17 November: St Elizabeth of Hungary, Widow

Born into Hungarian royalty, Elizabeth eschewed the trappings of the wealthy and lived a simple austere life. She married and bore three children. After her husband died, she made arrangements for the care of the children and entered a Franciscan community. Notable for her charity towards the sick, she died at the age of 24.

Also on Friday 17 November: Rosary at 7pm

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

Saturday 18 November: In the Footsteps of Saint Francis

The Order of Secular Franciscans take Saint Francis as our mentor and guide in following Jesus. We will be meeting on Saturday 18 November at 2.15 pm, beginning in the Friary Chapel, for prayer and Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

In remembering the hands-on labours of Jesus as he went about teaching and healing, and the response of Francis to God's call to 'Go and repair my Church,' we will then look at the integral significance of work as a part of the Franciscan vocation. All are made welcome. *For more details contact Deacon Richard on 07881440305.*

Looking further ahead:

Wednesday 22 November: Padre Pio Prayer Group

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 22 November at 7pm in the Friary Chapel for Rosary, Mass and intercessory prayers, and veneration of St Padre Pio's relic. All are welcome to join us. Please come to the main door of the Friary, 182 Iffley Road.

Padre Pio on receiving Communion: 'How happy Jesus makes me! How sweet is his spirit! I ... can do nothing but weep and repeat: "Jesus my food!"'

First Holy Communion Classes

These classes will be held on Sunday mornings at 10am, starting on Sunday 14 January 2018. The children meet in the church before class. Registration forms are still available at the back of the church.

Confirmation Classes start in January

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



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).



Foundation Governors needed for St Gregory the Great School

Are you a practising Catholic with a genuine interest in improving the educational outcomes for children at our Catholic schools? St Gregory the Great Catholic School is an all-through school with children on roll from nursery to sixth form, based in East Oxford. The governing body is a small, friendly team who work hard to support the students and staff at St Greg's, but we urgently need more Foundation Governors as we seek to secure rapid school improvement.

If you have a few hours to spare each month, please think about becoming a governor. Previous experience in education, finance or governance would be particularly welcome, but the most important thing is being willing to give of your time and be up for a challenge! Comprehensive training to support new governors is available. The chair of governors, Rob Bennett, would be happy to have an informal chat about the role and can be contacted at rbennett3@googlemail.com.