

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 19 November 2017: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Tobias McNally RIP
9.00am	Ines De Carvalho
11.00am	Parishioners
5.30pm	Holy Souls
Monday 20 November	
7.30am	James Pender RIP Holy Souls
Tuesday 21 November	<i>Presentation of the</i>
7.30am	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Intentions of Maria & Heilander Pereira; Holy Souls
Wednesday 22 November <i>St Cecilia</i>	
7.30am	Holy Souls
Thursday 23 November	
7.30am	CMA; Holy Souls
Friday 24 November	
7.30am	Deceased Sisters of Providence
Saturday 25 November	
8.00am	Matthew Tobin 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:

Denis O'Shea, Catherine Tombs, Michael Hamblin, Ann Rose Hanrahan, James O'Donoghue, Mary Rampton, Daniel Moore, Christina Hole, Winnie Joyce & Melanie Sweeney.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No Second Collection today. Next week: Catholic Youth Service

Last two weeks' collections:

<i>Offertory</i>	£515.60 / £433.55	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£116.00 / £70.00
<i>Johnson Association / Diocesan Schools Fund</i>	£147.07 / £118.92	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£30.00 / £33.40

Gift-Aided Donations by Standing Order for September 2017: £970

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Keeping the End in Mind

If we knew when the end of our life would be, we could get ready for it. We could have our wills prepared, our possessions disposed, funeral arrangements made. We would also have plenty of time to repent the sins we have committed.

God does not give us this information. We do not know when our life will end or when Christ will come again. God's hope is that we would be ready all the time, and that we would live each day as if it were our last.

Throughout the month of November we reflect on the end—the end of the Church's year and the end of life. We remember all the saints and the souls of the faithful departed. We do not know the time nor the hour of His coming—but we want to be ready.



1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Response: **O blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

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This Week:

Church Cleaning:

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

Tuesday 21 November: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On this day, which in the year 543 was the dedication of the Church of Our Lady near the site of the Temple in Jerusalem, we celebrate, together with the Christians of the Eastern Rites, that dedication of herself which Mary made to God from her very childhood under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit who filled her with grace at her immaculate conception.

Wednesday 22 November: St Cecilia, Virgin Martyr

Cecilia is patron of church musicians and an early Roman martyr. There is little information about her life and less about her musicianship, but her complete dedication to Christ, even to death, resonates with the dedication felt by many church musicians. Cecilia and the other virgin martyrs are compared in the Liturgy to the bridesmaids who bear their lamps in expectation of the groom—Jesus.

Also on Wednesday 22 November: Padre Pio Prayer Group

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

“Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayers.” (St Padre Pio)

Friday 24 November: All Deceased Franciscans and Benefactors

In this month of November, we remember our deceased who await the entrance to eternal glory. Today the Franciscan family prays for all our brothers and sisters and benefactors who need forgiveness of their sins and who yearn to see the face of God.

Also on Friday 24 November: Rosary at 7pm

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

Saturday 25 November: Catholic Handicapped Fellowship Christmas Stall & Hamper Raffle, 11am-3.30pm

This event will be held in the Don Bosco Centre, Our Lady's Church, Hollow Way, Cowley. There will be:

Refreshments: tea, coffee, soup and roll. **Stalls:** Nearly-new; books; Christmas decorations. **The Christmas Hamper Raffle** will be drawn at 3pm.

Looking further ahead:

Next Sunday: Christ the King

As we approach the last Sunday of Ordinary Time, and as the Church's year comes to

its end, our thoughts slowly turn to the end of all time. The faithful believer reflects not with fear but with confident hope that Christ will come again as the supreme ruler over all.

The Weekend of 9-10 December

On this weekend we welcome to our parish His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, on his Deanery Pastoral Visitation, during which he will preach at all the weekend Masses.

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.



Now Available at the Back of the Church

Welcome to this Advent and Christmastide's *Walk with Me* journey of prayer.

The watchwords for Advent are: **Watching**, **Listening**, and **Welcoming**.

Watching: To be alert and watchful for all the signs of the coming of God into our world—his abiding presence.

Listening: God is often whispering gently into our hearts before we catch sight of his presence in our lives—the Lord prepares us intimately for his coming.

Welcoming: God wants to be with us. We are loved by God, each one of us! Let us welcome him into our lives.

Advent Booklet, *Walk with Me*: Price £1.



Bible Alive: Advent edition: £2.50

Bible Alive is a great way to get to know the Scriptures from the daily and Sunday liturgy. The daily reflections are accessible, informative and encouraging—it enables us to learn more of the riches and treasures of the Scriptures.

Bible Alive for Advent is available at the back of the church with the Sunday Catholic papers.



Mary Bridget Harris RIP

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Mary Bridget Harris RIP. Her body will be received into the church on Monday 20 November at 5pm. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday at 11am.