

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 26 November 2017: Solemnity of Christ the Universal King

6.30pm (Saturday)	Carmela Mone
9.00am	Holy Souls
11.00am	Parishioners
5.30pm	OFS
Monday 27 November	
7.30am	Friars & Benefactors; Holy Souls
Tuesday 28 November	
7.30am	Pious Union
Wednesday 29 November	
7.30am	Holy Souls
Thursday 30 November <i>St Andrew, Apostle</i>	
7.30am	Vocations
Friday 1 December <i>St Edmund Campion, Priest & Martyr</i>	
7.30am	Teresa Del Bene
7.30pm	<i>In honour of the Sacred Heart</i>
Saturday 2 December	
8.00am	<i>In honour of Our Lady</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:

Walenty Brzozowski, Mary Towey, Marga Emlyn-Jones, George Drennan, Mary Dancer, Jean Green, Sidney Swayne, Josephine Sassine, Daniel Murphy, Robert Parker, Julia Wilkinson, Anthony Jones & Mary Roberts.

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

COLLECTIONS:

Second Collection today: Catholic Youth Service

Last week's collection:

Offertory	£478.07	+ Gift-aided	£67.00
-----------	---------	--------------	--------

No Second Collection next Week

*SS Edmund and Frideswide
Roman Catholic Church*

Iffley Road, Oxford OX4 1SB

Parish Priest:

Fr Gordon Pesterfield, OFM Cap.

Tel. No.: 01865 256750 (parish office)

email: ofmcaparish@gmail.com

Website: greyfriarsoxford.weebly.com



Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

There is a great tussle for the minds and hearts of the young throughout the world. They are presented with many choices. Some woo them to total freedom and pleasure through drugs and licence as the road to happiness. Others suggest to them that the key to success is to grab what you can get, and that violence is an acceptable and powerful tool. Traditional teachers teach that conformity to the tried and tested ways of the elders is the only way to build a better world for themselves. The young find it hard to see it that way.

The Feast of Christ the King is an opportunity to offer them the most worthwhile option, namely, to follow Christ as the guide to true greatness through the teaching of the Gospel and the Church. Christ leads by his own lifestyle of service to others and respect for all. As a friend he offers intimacy and support through prayer and the Eucharist.



1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

Response: **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Sunday 26 November 2017: Solemnity of Christ the King

Today is the Solemnity of Christ the Universal King.

This Week:

Church Cleaning:

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

Thursday 30 November: St Andrew, Apostle

Andrew was a fisherman and a disciple of John the Baptist before following Jesus. The Gospel today tells the story of Andrew's call together with his brother Simon Peter. St Paul's letter to the Romans says people will pray only if they believe. They believe only if they hear. They hear only if someone preaches the Good News. Andrew's example inspires us all to proclaim what we have heard and believe.

Thursday 30 November: 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 1 December: St Edmund Campion, Priest & Martyr

Born in London in 1540, he studied at Oxford. After being reconciled to the Catholic Church, he studied at Douai and then Rome, where he joined the Jesuits. When he returned to England his extraordinary success caused him to be hunted down mercilessly. He was martyred at Tyburn in 1581.

Also on Friday: Rosary at 7pm followed by First Friday Mass

After the weekly recitation of the Holy Rosary, we also celebrate the monthly First Friday Mass at 7.30pm in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, followed by prayers and anointing for healing. All are welcome.

Looking further ahead:

Next Sunday, 3 December: First Sunday of Advent

We begin not only a new liturgical season but also a new liturgical year. It is a time for preparation, extending over four Sundays leading up to Christmas. The name 'Advent' translates the Latin *Adventus*, which comes from the Latin *advenire*, meaning 'to come to, to arrive', and refers to the coming of Christ, to our celebration of his birth at Christmas, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and finally to his second coming at the end of time.

Sunday 3 & 10 December: Christmas Collection for the Gatehouse

The Gatehouse, which is attached to St Giles Church and is a drop-in centre and café for the homeless and vulnerably housed, gives a Christmas present to each guest in December, and they are appealing for the following items:

new underpants, socks, hats, gloves, scarves and bars of chocolate.

This year we at Greyfriars will again be collecting for this appeal *on the first two Sundays of Advent, 3 and 10 December*. In deciding what you wish to contribute, please bear in mind that 90% of guests at the Gatehouse are male, and that whilst the underpants should be new, the other clothes could be slightly used but must be clean and of good enough quality to be given as a Christmas gift. Please bring your gifts to the Sacred Heart altar.

Weekend of 9-10 December: the Archbishop's Visitation

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. After the Sunday Masses, tea/coffee will be served in the Hall so that you may meet the Archbishop.

Refurbishment of the Church Hall

Plans are being drawn up for the renovation of our Parish Hall. A committee are in the process of obtaining grants to pay for the majority of costs. It would be great if the parish can help raise a small proportion. We are holding a **Cake Sale** in the Hall on **Sunday 10 December** after every Mass: 9am, 11am and 5.30pm. We are asking for donations of cakes, biscuits etc. Please drop them off on Saturday 9th to the Friary or on the day to the hall. We hope you will support this event.

Advent & Christmastide: **WALK WITH ME** journey of prayer booklet

Available at the back of the church: **Price £1.**



Christmas Tree Star

For a donation of £5, you can have a star put on the Church Christmas Tree in memory of a loved one. Mass will be said for all those whose names are on the tree on Christmas Day. Please complete the form below and return it to Br Gordon with your donation.

CHRISTMAS TREE STAR

Name of person to be remembered.....

(Block Capitals)

Name of donor: Tel. No.: