

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 14 January 2018: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

6.30pm (Saturday) R. Devine's intention
 9.00am James Twohig RIP
 11.00am Parishioners
 5.30pm Angela Keown's intention

Monday 15 January

7.30am Friars & benefactors

Tuesday 16 January *St Bernard & Companions, Martyrs*

7.30am Vocations

Wednesday 17 January *St Anthony*

7.30am Franciscan Missionaries of Mary RIP

Thursday 18 January

7.30am Kevin & Margaret's intention

Friday 19 January *St Wulstan, Bishop*

7.30am Arthur Van Cuylenburg RIP

Saturday 20 January

8.00am Catherine Coombs 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:

Antoinette Barry, Rebecca Heels, Henry Sundar, Eileen Mulherne, Ellen McAvoy, Lisa O'Farrell, Patrick O'Mahoney, Patrick Joseph Haren, Marriott, Margaret Blay & Brigid Lodowski.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No Second Collection today

Last week's collections:

<i>Offertory</i>	£391.88	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£78.00
<i>Diocesan Schools Fund</i>	£122.09	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£30.00

No Second Collection next week

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Listening

Many problems that seem unsolvable by day disintegrate with the dawn. It's almost as if God speaks to us while we sleep.

This happened to Samuel. He heard the voice of God calling him. He did not know that it was God. He told Eli the priest.

Not until God spoke for the third time did Eli figure out the mystery. God was speaking to Samuel in his sleep.

Eli's advice—Listen. Tell God you are listening.

Too often our world is cluttered with unnecessary noise. We leave the television on when no one is watching. We turn on the radio behind our conversation with a friend. We disturb our neighbours by playing music loudly. Sometimes we create so much noise it is hard to sleep.

What do you do when God is trying to speak to you? Follow Eli's advice. Listen.



1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

Response: **Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.**

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

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

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Sunday 14 January 2018: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Today is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B).

No Second Collection today.

First Holy Communion classes begin.

The First Holy Communion classes start **this Sunday** at 10am in the Friary chapel. The children meet in the church and will be taken to the chapel. For part of the first meeting a parent should be present.

This week:

Church Cleaning

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

Tuesday 16 January: St Bernard & Companions, Franciscan Martyrs

St Bernard and his companions were the first martyrs of the Franciscan Order. In 1219, Bernard and some friars, moved by divine inspiration, went as missionaries to preach the Gospel of Christ to the inhabitants of Morocco. They were martyred for the faith.

Wednesday 17 January: St Anthony, Abbot & Monastic Founder

Born in Egypt about 260, St Anthony is heralded as the founder of monasticism. When his parents died, he gave away his possessions, fled to the desert and attracted a band of followers.

He supported those who suffered for the faith under the persecution of Diocletian. He died in 356.

Friday 19 January: St Wulstan, Bishop

St Wulstan (1008–1095) became a Benedictine monk at Worcester and, after serving as Prior, he was appointed Bishop in 1062. He was the only Englishman to retain his diocese after the Norman Conquest. He built his cathedral, reformed his diocese and tried to stop the slave trade at Bristol.

Also on Friday: Rosary followed by First Friday Mass

Every Friday at 7pm, the Holy Rosary is recited in the church. All are welcome.

Saturday 20 January: Secular Franciscan Order

IN THE FOOTPRINTS OF SAINT FRANCIS - ALL ARE WELCOME

The Secular Franciscan Order will meet on Saturday 20 January at 2.15pm.

We will gather in the Friary Chapel for prayer and Adoration, followed by a reflection by Sean Ward OFS on 'Divine Justice as Restorative Justice' in the Franciscan tradition.

For more details contact Deacon Richard on 07881440305.

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Looking ahead:

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18-25 January

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is observed from 18-25 January. In a world marked by diversity in language and culture, we express our Christian faith in diverse

ways. During this week we are called both to celebrate this diversity and to be faithful to Christ's call for the unity of the Church.

St Clement's Church will be hosting the annual unity service on Sunday 21 January at 4.30pm. Following the service there will be some refreshments and a chance to share experiences of having visited other churches in the morning.

Wednesday 24 January: Padre Pio Mass

The Padre Pio Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 24 January at 7pm in the Friary Chapel, with Rosary, Mass, prayer and intercession to St Padre Pio. All are welcome to join us. Please come to the main door of the Friary, 182 Iffley Road.

'Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart. You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips, but with your heart.' (St Padre Pio)

Weddings 2018/2019

If you are planning to get married this year (2018) or in 2019, you should contact Br Gordon as soon as possible to make the necessary arrangements.

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Dates for your Diary:

On 14 February, we celebrate Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the fast for the season of Lent.

On 1 April, we shall celebrate with joy Easter Sunday.

The Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated **on Thursday 10 May**.

And **on Sunday 20 May** we celebrate the feast of Pentecost.

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The Mass

The celebration of the Mass is central to Sunday. The Mass (or Eucharist) gives Sunday its character. By drawing the community together on Sunday to celebrate, the Eucharist reinforces our identity as one body and nourishes us with the Body and Blood of Christ. From the Sunday Eucharist, the faithful are sent forth each week to continue the mission of Christ. To Sunday Eucharist we return, to give thanks and praise for a full week of discipleship.

Morning Mass is also celebrated on every weekday (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.

Holy Communion for the Housebound

Often, as we get older, we are not always able to attend Mass and need to receive the Sacrament at home. The priest or a eucharistic minister normally takes Holy Communion to the housebound at times when it is convenient. Please let Fr Gordon know if you or a loved one cannot attend Mass, and he will arrange Holy Communion at home.