

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 21 January 2018: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Shauna Beird
9.00am	John Kennedy RIP
11.00am	Parishioners
5.30pm	OFS (Secular Franciscans)

Monday 22 January

7.30am	Friars & benefactors
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Tuesday 23 January

7.30am	Pious Union
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Wednesday 24 January *St Francis de Sales,
Bishop & Doctor*

7.30am	Hannah Stottard RIP
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Thursday 25 January *Conversion of St Paul
the Apostle*

7.30am	Ruth & Joel Dacunha
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Friday 26 January *St Timothy & St Titus*

7.30am	Martin Dunne
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Saturday 27 January

8.00am	Maura Rigby
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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:

John Slattery, Frank McGubbin, Scanlan, Mary Diddams, Catherine McHugh, Des Farrell & William Brown.

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>	£567.67 + <i>Gift-aided</i>	£89.00
<i>Gift-aided donations by standing order in December:</i>		£850.00

No Second Collection next week

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Changing God's Mind...?

Does anything ever change God's mind? Today's story from Jonah answers 'Yes'.

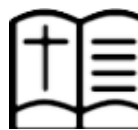
Most of us know Jonah as the prophet who was swallowed by a whale. Not everyone remembers the rest of the story.

Jonah didn't want to be a prophet. When God asked him to bring a message to Nineveh, Jonah refused. He ran away, trying to hide from God.

It didn't work. So Jonah gave up. He prophesied destruction to Nineveh, as God had asked him to do. God was determined to punish the people for their sins.

But then something happened. The people repented. God relented. God decided not to punish them after all.

Sometimes what changes God's mind is changing ours.



1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10

Response: **Lord, make me know your ways.**

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is close at hand: repent, and believe the Good News. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

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

This week:

Church Cleaning

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

Wednesday 24 January: St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (1567-1622)

Born in Savoy, France, he became Bishop of Geneva and a strong defender of the faith. With St Jane Frances de Chantal, he founded the Order of the Visitation. He died in Lyon, and was canonized in 1655. Pius IX proclaimed him a Doctor of the Church in 1877.

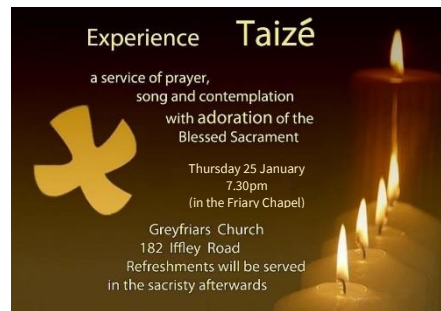
Also on Wednesday, 7pm: Monthly Mass in honour of St Padre Pio, with Veneration of his Relic

We have a monthly Mass in honour of St Padre Pio. January's Mass will be celebrated this Wednesday at 7pm in the Friary Chapel. All are welcome. Please come to the main door of the Friary, 182 Iffley Road.

Thursday 25 January: The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle. Feast.

The conversion of Paul is recounted three times in the Acts of the Apostles. Although born at around the same time as Christ, Paul never encountered Jesus in the flesh. But his meeting with the risen Lord on the road to Damascus was to turn his life around for good. There is a strong message for us here. Like Paul, we have never seen Jesus in human form, but we have been granted a privileged relationship with him through our baptism. Also like Paul, we sometimes persecute Jesus, our brother. But God is merciful and has graced us with a call to conversion. Each new day offers us a fresh chance to turn back to Jesus and live.

Also this Thursday: 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 26 January: Sts Timothy & Titus, Bishops

Timothy and Titus were both first-century converts and disciples and helpers of the Apostle Paul, the former being placed in charge of the Church at Ephesus, the latter

the Church at Crete. St Paul wrote pastoral Epistles to them, which contain much useful advice for the instruction of the clergy and people.

Also on Friday: Rosary followed by First Friday Mass

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

Looking ahead:

Adult Confirmation Programme: Wednesday 28 February, 7pm

The sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are intimately connected to one another and are known as the Sacraments of Initiation. Those aged 16 and older who have been baptized but have not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation are invited to participate in a preparation programme which will start on Wednesday 28 February at 7pm in the Friary (182 Iffley Road). Registration forms are still available at the back of the church.



Children/Youth Choir (6-16 years)

Singing, games & fun. Everyone welcome! Practice: Sundays, 10-10.45am in the church Hall. Singing at the 5.30pm Mass on Sundays.

Tea/Coffee after the 11am Sunday Mass

Please note that after the 11am Sunday Mass tea and coffee are served in the Parish Hall. The heating is now working!

Gatehouse Christmas Gifts

Thank you to all who contributed to the collection for Christmas gifts for visitors to The Gatehouse. We have received thanks from the Administrator there saying how much our donations were appreciated.

Renovation of the Church Hall: Fundraising

The cake sale and Christmas stars have raised over £1000, which is a great start to our fundraising. Thank you. Please remember to sign up on the Easyfundraising website (www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to help at no extra cost to you!

Shopping online or booking holidays/flights? Please help our fundraising by going via the **Easyfundraising** website. It's easy to use:

- 1) Select Greyfriars Parish Hall as the charity you wish to support.
- 2) Register your details.
- 3) Follow the links to the online site you wish to shop at.
- 4) Your chosen shop then donates (at no cost to yourself) a small percentage to your charity.
- 5) Save it in your favourites, or download the app and it will remind you before you shop to go via them.

Thousands of shops including holiday companies have signed up. Even your weekly shop can be done via the website! Happy shopping!