

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Sunday 28 January 2018: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

6.30pm (Saturday)	Johnny Kennedy RIP
9.00am	Parishioners
11.00am	Molly Greatrex RIP
5.30pm	Thomas More RIP

**Monday 29 January**

7.30am	Friars & benefactors
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**Tuesday 30 January**

7.30am	Philip Vickers
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**Wednesday 31 January *St John Bosco***

7.30am	Kieran Hughes
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**Thursday 1 February**

7.30am	Martin Dunne
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**Friday 2 February**

***The Presentation  
of the Lord***

7.30am	Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (deceased)
7.30pm	<i>In honour of the Sacred Heart</i>

**Saturday 3 February**

***St Blaise, Bishop &  
Martyr***

8.00am	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
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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:**

Kitty McFarland, Margaret Lindsley, Martin O'Donnell, Nora Cronin, Margaret Fry, Andrew Valentine Sheehy, Darren Berry, Patrick O'Callaghan, Jacob Lennon, Giuseppina Wilkins, Mikolaj Bandrowski & Ellen Merry.

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

### COLLECTIONS:

***No Second Collection today***

**Last week's collection:**

<i>Offertory</i>	£355.17	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£94.00
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***No Second Collection next week***

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### The Good News

Jesus taught with authority, proclaiming that the reign of God is at hand—urging us to repent and believe his message.

Jesus came to bring good news. When he was born it was announced as 'tidings of great joy'. After his resurrection, those who wrote about him, about his life, death and resurrection, called it *gospel*, 'Good News'.

What is this good news that Jesus brings? What is this reign of God that he says is at hand? It is a promise of love, a promise of forgiveness, of healing, of new life. Jesus came to bring the love of the Father to his children on earth. Jesus showed this love in all his works, in his healings, his forgiveness, his compassion for the crowds.

Jesus tells us again and again: 'Reform your lives and believe in the Good News.'



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Response: **O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts.'**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

**Entrance Antiphon:** Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

**Sunday 28 January 2018: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

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

No second collection today.

*This week:*

### **Church Cleaning**

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

### **Wednesday 31 January: St John Bosco**

Born 1815 in the diocese of Turin and brought up in poverty, he was ordained in 1841. He founded the Salesian Society of St Francis de Sales. He encouraged and educated deprived young boys in various trades. The order spread throughout the world, establishing schools, hospitals, and missions. With the help of Mary Mozzarella he established the Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians, to do similar work with girls.

### **Friday 2 February: The Presentation of the Lord**

Forty days after the celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Church remembers his presentation in the Temple. Today's feast used to close the Christmas cycle. Although that season now ends with the Baptism of the Lord, today's feast is still calculated from Christmas Day. Formerly called the Purification of Our Lady and regarded as a Marian feast, the day is now regarded as a feast of Christ. We recall Jesus' entry into the Temple, a place this descendant of David calls home.

### **Also on Friday: Rosary followed by First Friday Mass**

There will be an evening Mass at 7.30pm—with prayers and anointing for healing—after the usual recitation of the Holy Rosary at 7pm. All are welcome.

### **Saturday 3 February: St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr**

The blessing of throats as a memorial of St Blaise is a time-honoured tradition. The rite calls for the blessing to be given with two candles that are crossed. Many follow the tradition whereby the candles are tied with red ribbon honouring his martyrdom.

St Blaise was a bishop in fourth-century Armenia and was viciously martyred under the Emperor Diocletian. It is said that while he was imprisoned for his faith he saved a child who was choking on a fish bone. His memorial highlights his role as patron of those who suffer from ailments of the throat.

*Looking ahead:*

### **Walk with Me—a Lenten Journey of Prayer**

Each year Lent is our opportunity to receive God's grace afresh and respond to it. The work of Lent is well summed up in the three practices: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

At the back of the church you will find the *Walk with Me* booklet to aid your Lenten journey with daily meditations. Price £1.

### **Adult Confirmation Programme: from Wednesday 28 February, 7pm**

This programme is for those aged 16 and older who have been baptized Catholic but have not received the sacrament of Confirmation. They 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.

### **Anežka's Helen & Douglas House Charity 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday London Marathon**

Anežka is one of our Silver altar servers. Currently at University in London, she still serves when she comes home. Please support her running the 2018 London Marathon on Sunday 22 April in aid of Helen & Douglas House Hospice, Oxford. Visit

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/anezkashdbirthdaylondonmarathon2018>

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### **Children's Choir!**

Hello! We are the Greyfriars youth choir and are looking for new members in the new year. If you want to come along on Sundays from 10–10.45am then go to the Parish Hall and join us for singing, games & fun!

### **Tea/Coffee after the 11am Sunday Mass**

Please note that after the 11am Sunday Mass tea and coffee are served in the Parish Hall.

### **Think about it...**

When we approach the God of Mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation with sincerity and faith, we have nothing to lose and everything to gain: our sins are forgiven; our souls are restored to the state of grace; we receive the grace of the sacrament, which strengthens us to avoid sin in the future and restores the merits of our good works if they have been lost by sin; we receive the help to lead better lives.

*Use the Sacrament of Reconciliation often and well!*

### **Pack your bags.**

Many people claim they don't 'get anything out of' Mass, but maybe this is because they fail to bring anything to it. God wants us to bring our issues, stresses, anxieties, fears and concerns—our personal 'baggage'—with us to Mass. So check your 'bags' at the altar. Bring a special intention with you, someone or something you want to offer up to the Lord upon the altar alongside the gifts. Remember that at Mass Jesus offers up his very self for you. Are you willing to offer up to him those things that may keep you from following and loving him more perfectly?

### **Daily Mass**

'Every day [Jesus] humbles himself just as he did when he came from his heavenly throne into the Virgin's womb; every day he comes to us and lets us see him in lowliness, when he descends from the bosom of the Father into the hands of the priest at the altar.' (St Francis of Assisi)

Morning Mass is 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.