

Today is Easter Sunday (Year B).

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

The Resurrection has made all things new. No matter the sorrows of the human heart, the victory over sin and death has been accomplished. The hope and promise of that message is the central belief of Christianity. It takes fifty days to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and its implications for all of us. One week is not enough. A week of weeks is not enough. It takes seven times seven plus one. A fullness of time observes the fullness of Easter.

Please Note. Today's collection is your Easter offering for the Friars.

Please note also that there is NO 5.30pm Evening Mass today.

Thank You

I would like to thank all who helped with the Holy Week services, especially John Brennan (the organist and choirmaster) and the choir, the altar servers and the ladies who decorated the church for the Easter celebrations, as well as those parishioners who came to clean the church. It has been much appreciated.

God bless you all!

Fr Gordon

After the 9am & 11am Masses today: Cakes & Second-hand Book Sale

Help Raise Funds for the Parish Hall! Plans are being drawn up for the renovation of our Parish Hall. So after the 9am and 11am Masses today you are invited into the Parish Hall for the Cakes and Book Sale. Please support this event. Thank you!

Now available at the back of the church:

Eastertide 'Walk with Me' booklets—Journey of Prayer. Price £1.

This week:

Masses this week (please note):

The Mass on **Easter Monday** will be celebrated **at 10am in the church**.

For the rest of the week, Masses will be at the normal times in the Friary Chapel: Tuesday–Friday, 7.30am; Saturday, 8am. Enter via the main door of the Friary at 182 Iffley Road. Once in the porch, follow the sign to the Chapel.

Church Cleaning:

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

Friday 6 April: Holy Rosary

Holy Rosary is recited in the church every Friday evening at 7pm. All are welcome

Also on Friday 6 April: First Friday Mass

Rosary will be followed by an evening Mass at 7.30pm in honour of the Sacred Heart—with prayers and anointing for healing.

'Do not let the past disturb you—just leave everything in the Sacred Heart and begin again with joy.' (St Teresa of Calcutta [Mother Teresa])

Looking ahead:

Next Sunday, 8 April: The Feast of Mercy—Divine Mercy Sunday

The message of Divine Mercy Sunday is that God is merciful, that He is love itself poured out for us, and that he wants all of us to turn to him with trust and repentance while there is still time.

The message of mercy is not something new. In the past, God spoke a message of mercy through the patriarchs and prophets—Noah, Abraham, Moses, Elijah and many others. In the last days he has spoken to us by his son, Jesus Christ, who is mercy personified and incarnated.

God still speaks words of mercy, even today, through holy men and women. The Lord revealed himself to Sr Faustina, a simple and holy Polish nun. Jesus revealed to her the desires of his merciful heart—how he wants us to respond to his mercy—and he promised specific graces to all who would honour and proclaim his mercy.

Our special celebration starts at 2pm, with the blessing of the Divine Mercy Picture, devotions, chaplet, confession, and ends with Mass at 5.30pm. All are invited.



Oxford Winter Night Shelter (OWNS) Report

One of our parishioners who volunteered to help with the OWNS (which ran until the end of March) recently wrote this report:

"We are now most of the way through the OWNS programme and recently the increased challenge for the rough sleepers of Oxford has been the very cold weather. I volunteered in November to help and because there was such a wonderful response it has meant that all the volunteers have had to do very little—the work has been shared. The volunteers start an hour before the guests come at 10pm. We begin by praying together for a calm and peaceful night. When the guests arrive they are offered a hot drink and a snack and then they make themselves comfortable for the night. There are regular people who come to St Ebbe's where I have been helping and, strikingly, up to 4 of these rough sleepers actually have paid employment during the day. At 6.45am the guests are woken and enjoy breakfast before they leave at 7.30. The volunteers then pack up and come together in prayer. What has been most heartening about this project is the sense of community, the volunteers and the guests working together."

Anežka's Helen & Douglas House Charity 21st Birthday London Marathon

Anežka is one of our senior 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/anezkashdhhbirthdaylondonmarathon2018>