

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 15 April 2018: 3rd Sunday of Easter (Year B)

6.30pm (Saturday) Kate Ward's intention
 9.00am Robert McGinty RIP
 11.00am Parishioners
 5.30pm

Monday 16 April

7.30am Friars & Benefactors

Tuesday 17 April

7.30am Pious Union

Wednesday 18 April

7.30am Families & Benefactors of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary

Thursday 19 April

7.30am Michael Leks

Friday 20 April

7.30am Kieran Hughes

Saturday 21 April St Conrad of Parzham

8.00am Tom Gaughan

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:

Robert Kelly, Daniel O'Riordan, Alma Clifford, Julie Morgan, Leon Wadepohl, Alice Franklin, Janet Molyneux-Paul, Nicolas Murphy, James Crosbie, Gordon Collins & Rhianna Mae Lea Gallagher.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No Second Collection today

Last week's collection:

Offertory £515.10 + *Gift-aided* £225.00

Next Week's Second Collection: Clergy Training Fund

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That Your Sins May Be Wiped Away

Once in a while we make bad choices. They make us feel as though all is lost. What could make us feel better? We'd feel better if we knew that other people have made worse mistakes than we did, and that they somehow overcame their bad choices.

Peter's audience had made some really bad choices. They had the chance to spare Jesus from death, but instead they were responsible for it.

All was not lost. "Repent and be converted," Peter told them, "that your sins may be wiped away." And look who's talking—a man who repeatedly denied knowing Jesus. He made a very bad choice. And now this same man is the risen Jesus' chief witness.

We have the same opportunity whenever we make bad choices. We can repent and change our ways. The God who raised Jesus has the power to forgive us. God can raise us up from despair to hope.



1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15,17-19

Response: **Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.**

2nd Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Today is the 3rd Sunday of Easter (Year B).

This Sunday, the gospel follows on from the story of the road to Emmaus. The two disciples who experienced the appearance and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread tell the others, and Jesus appears to them all. He insists he is not a ghost but himself. He even eats grilled fish for them. Through this episode we learn more about the nature of the Resurrection: the preservation of person, the transformation of life.

This week:

Church Cleaning:

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

Friday 20 April: Holy Rosary

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

Saturday 21 April: St Conrad of Parzham

John Birndorfer was born in Parzham in Bavaria in 1818. In 1852 he made his profession as a Capuchin and took the name of Conrad. He was sent to the famous shrine of the 'Mother of Mercy' at Altötting and was in charge of the door of the Friary there until his death in 1894. He was faithful in his duties and helped those who came to him for spiritual or material assistance.

Also on Saturday: Secular Franciscan Order Meeting, 2.15pm

The Greyfriars fraternity of the Secular Franciscans will meet on Saturday April 21 at 2.15pm for prayer, reflection, and discussion.

The topic this month will be the Christian response to some difficult current moral issues. We will be using John 8:1-11 (A Woman Caught In Adultery) as our starting point. All are welcome.

Looking further ahead:

Next Sunday, 22 April, is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Next weekend we mark the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood, the Diaconate and the Consecrated Life. We pray especially for more vocations and we should reflect upon how important it is for us all to pray for, encourage and support all those considering vocations.



Weddings 2018/19

If you are planning to get married in the next year or so, please contact Br Gordon as soon as possible to make the necessary arrangements.

The Diocese requires at least six months notice, which is essential in cases where the marriage is taking place abroad, when a good deal of administrative work has to be completed. Marriage preparation is also a requirement, whether or not both partners are Catholic.

Register as a New Parishioner

Welcome to St Edmund & St Frideswide Catholic Church! If you are new to the parish and would like to register as a member, please complete a registration form, which can be found at the back of the church.

Again, a warm welcome to you and your family. We look forward to getting to know you better. May the Lord bless you and your family.

Tea/Coffee after the 11am Sunday Mass

Please note that after the 11am Sunday Mass tea and coffee are served in the Parish Hall—a time to relax and take the chance to get to know each other.

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.

Bible Study

One of the best ways to learn about Scripture is to read it and discuss it with other people. The Parish is looking at the possibility of starting a Bible Study Group. Are you interested in learning more about Sacred Scripture? Are you looking for spiritual fulfilment outside the Mass? Why not consider joining the Bible Study Group? Think and pray about it! More information next week.



A Word from Pope Francis

During a recent General Audience, Pope Francis spoke on the importance of the Eucharist and our participation in it. He remarked on the fact that the priest who celebrates says: "Lift up your hearts," not "Lift up your cell phones to take a photo." He went on to say, "That is a bad thing. It makes me very sad when I celebrate Mass in the Square or in the Basilica and I see many cell phones raised. And it's not only the faithful, but also many priests and bishops." The Holy Father said, "Mass is not a show. It is Christ we should be focusing on."

Jesus is asking us!

"Do you remember how I changed water into wine? Do you remember how I opened the eyes of the blind? Most of all, do you remember how I gave up my life for you and then was raised from the dead?"

Remembering these miracles will lift us up. Recalling Jesus' words will inspire us to believe in him. Reminding ourselves of his resurrection will help us trust in him, even in dark times. The more we remember Jesus, the more we will find ourselves feeling peaceful and trusting.