

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 29 April 2018: 5th Sunday of Easter (Year B)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Leon Mota Ricardo & family
9.00am	Michele Leks
11.00am	Parishioners
5.30pm	Luke O'Donnell RIP

Monday 30 April

7.30am	Friars & Benefactors
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Tuesday 1 May *St Joseph the Worker*

7.30am	May Saren
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Wednesday 2 May *St Athanasius*

7.30am	Kieran Hughes
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Thursday 3 May *St Philip & St James, Apostles*

7.30am	Kevin & Margaret's intention
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Friday 4 May *Feast of the English Martyrs*

7.30am	CMA
7.30pm	<i>In honour of the Sacred Heart</i>

Saturday 5 May

8.00am	Maria Pereira's intentions
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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:

Vera Ramsen, Elford Matthews, Bertram Peck, Michael Foley, Fr Mark Turnham Elvins OFM Cap, Patrick McDonagh, Jan Chlebrowski, Alice Hill, Elizabeth Ehrlich, Rose McCabe (Sr Stanislaw), Bridget Cummins, John Corley, Stuart Burden, Stephanie St Jean, Julia O'Brien, Michael Dancer & Jacqueline Hicks.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No Second Collection today.

Last week's collections:

Offertory	£432.57	+ Gift-aided	£156.00
Clergy Training Fund	£161.12	+ Gift-aided	£72.00

No Second Collection next week.

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Seasons of Renewal

If Easter is working its wonder, you are different today than you were a week ago. Lent and Easter are seasons of renewal in the Church. Each Lent we strive to face our sin, do penance and rise with Jesus. We draw on the power of these seasons to celebrate the love of God in our life, a love that accepts us in our sinfulness and calls us into grace.

Each year, if Easter works its wonder, we grow in holiness.

But there is one problem. Even though we may be different, other people may not realize it. They may treat us the same, making it hard for us to live fully the new life of grace.

The mystery of renewal begins in the quiet of each person's heart, and gradually it converts the community.



1st Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Response: **You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.**

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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This week:

Church Cleaning:

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

Tuesday 1 May: St Joseph the Worker

After communists and others began to celebrate May Day for workers, Pope Pius XII instituted a memorial of St Joseph the Worker on the same day. It did two things. It affirmed the dignity of work and opposed communism. By recalling St Joseph, the carpenter of Nazareth, the celebration continues to remind those in authority of their duty to respect the dignity and rights of workers, and to encourage workers to persevere in their religious faith.

Also on Tuesday 1 May: Bible Study at 7pm

Are you interested in learning more about Sacred Scripture? Are you looking for spiritual fulfilment outside the Mass? If so, why not join the Bible Study group in the parish?

But why should I study Scripture? First, it is God's Word to us. Studying Scripture not only helps us to learn God's message but also allows us to know God better, to avoid error, to become more Christlike.

This group is open to everyone with a desire to know and understand God's Word better. The first meeting will take place this Tuesday, 1 May, at 7pm in the Friary. Please come to the main door of the Friary, 182 Iffley Road. We hope to see you at our first meeting.

Wednesday 2 May: St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Athanasius, an Egyptian prelate from Alexandria, attended the Council of Nicaea and defended the divinity of Christ against Arius. He was active at the Council which formulated a version of the Creed we recite at Mass today. Strong opposition forced him to spend 46 years of his episcopate in exile.

Thursday 3 May: Feast of St Philip & St James, Apostles

Philip was born at Bethsaida. Formerly a disciple of John the Baptist, he became a follower of Christ. He was crucified at Hierapolis in Phrygia, where he had preached the Gospel. He introduced St Bartholomew to Christ.

James was a cousin of Our Lord. He ruled the church at Jerusalem, wrote the Epistle, and led a life of penance. He converted many, and was martyred in the year 62.

Friday 4 May: Feast of the English Marytrs

This feast celebrates the many men and women who suffered for the Faith in England between 1535 and 1630 and have subsequently been recognized by the Church. Many gave their lives for the unity of the Church, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the supremacy of the Pope. Of these martyrs 42 have now been canonized. Some 160

others have been declared Blessed, and their common celebration is kept on this day. **Also on Friday: Rosary (7pm) followed by First Friday Mass (7.30pm)** Holy Rosary is recited in the church every Friday evening at 7pm. All are welcome. Afterwards, this week, we shall celebrate the monthly First Friday Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, followed by prayers and anointing for healing.

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Looking further ahead:

The month of May is the month dedicated to Our Lady.

Next Sunday, 6 May, the parish community is invited to attend May devotions, Rosary and Benediction at 3pm.

Tuesday 8 May: Catholic Handicapped Fellowship Bingo & Raffle

The Catholic Handicapped Fellowship, Oxford, will hold a Bingo & Raffle at Cowley Workers Social Club, Between Towns Road, Cowley, on Tuesday 8 May, from 7.30pm. The event is in support of the Fellowship's **Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund**. For tickets and more details contact John Trinder (Oxf. 777507) or Mrs Bride Barry (Oxf. 771015).

Sunday 13 May: Confirmation Mass

On Sunday 13 May at the 5.30pm Mass, Bishop Kenney will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on a group of candidates from the parish. Please keep them in your prayers.

Saturday 19 May: Order of Secular Franciscans Day of Recollection

You are invited to a Day of Recollection led by Fr Stephen, OFM Cap., on the Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis, *Laudato Si': On Care for our Common Home*—Sister, Mother Earth. It will run from 10am to 3.30pm on Saturday 19 May at The College, Littlemore, OX4 4LQ. For more details contact Deacon Richard OFS (07881 440305).

Sunday 20 May: First Holy Communions

On Sunday 20 May (Pentecost Sunday) several children of the parish will be making their First Holy Communion at the 11am Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

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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.

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.