

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 6 May 2018: 6th Sunday of Easter (Year B)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Gwen More RIP
9.00am	Josephine Hadley
11.00am	Parishioners
5.30pm	Doreen Dore RIP

Monday 7 May

7.30am	Friars & Benefactors
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Tuesday 8 May

7.30am	St Anthony
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Wednesday 9 May

7.30am	Xiatalina Clara Ricardo Lay
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Thursday 10 May *The Ascension
of the Lord*

7.30am	Holy Souls
7.30pm	Parishioners

Friday 11 May

7.30am	Kieran Hughes
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Saturday 12 May	<i>St Leopold Mandic, Capuchin Priest</i>	<i>In honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
8.00am		

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:

Thomas Millward, Ann Green, Kathleen Mary Coble, James Murphy, Ellen Madden, Kathleen Finn, John Hanrahan, John McTernan, Margaret Willoughby & Laurence Murphy.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No Second Collection today

Last week's collections:

Offertory	£341.30	+ Gift-aided	£76.00
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Second Collection next week: Catholic Communications

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The Best-laid Plans...

Some things don't work out the way you plan them. Even when you pray over a matter and decide on an action that you truly believe fits the will of God, things can turn out different from what you had in mind. Sometimes God takes matters out of your hands.

Cornelius. Peter wasn't counting on him. One day, while Peter was at prayer, he realized that God was calling not just Jews but Gentiles to belief in Christ. The Gentile Cornelius, who had also been praying, sent friends to find Peter.

When Peter came, his neat programme fell apart. The Holy Spirit came upon the household of Cornelius before they were baptized—and before these Gentiles could even become Jews!

God had another plan.

Sometimes when things don't go our way there is a very simple reason. They are going the way God planned them.



1st Reading: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

Response: **The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.**

2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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Today is the 6th Sunday of Easter (Year B)

The Month of May—dedicated to Our Lady.

This Sunday afternoon at 3pm, you are invited to attend May Devotions, Rosary and Benediction.

“The woman of faith, Mary of Nazareth, the Mother of God, has been given to us as a model on our pilgrimage of faith. From Mary we learn to surrender to God’s will in all things. From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ, her son and the Son of God. For Mary is not only the Mother of God, she is Mother of the Church as well.” (St Pope John Paul II)

This week:

Church Cleaning:

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

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).

Thursday 10 May: The Ascension of the Lord. Holy Day of Obligation. Masses: 7.30am & 7.30pm in the church.

We have many ways of saying goodbye: ‘So long’; ‘See you later’; ‘Take care’. Goodbyes are softened by the promise of another meeting: ‘Till we meet again.’

Surely the disciples wondered if they had the tools they needed to survive that time. Jesus had been their leader, Messiah and friend. Without him, life would lose its centre.

Jesus’ goodbye came with two promises. He promised the Holy Spirit would guide the disciples in his absence, and he promised that he would come again.

Friday 11 May: Holy Rosary at 7pm

Holy Rosary is recited in the church every Friday evening at 7pm. All are invited to attend. Pope Francis said: ‘The month of May is a fitting time to start the habit of daily Rosary.’

Saturday 12 May: St Leopold Mandic, Capuchin Priest

Known as ‘Apostle of the Sacrament of Confession’, he was born on 12 May 1866 in Castelnuovo, Dalmatia. Although physically frail, he showed signs of great spiritual strength and integrity. He entered the Capuchin Order and wanted to be a missionary in Eastern Europe, torn apart by religious strife. This was denied him. In 1906 he was sent to Padua and for almost forty years he was a confessor and spiritual director.

Next 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.

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Looking further ahead:

Tuesday 15 May: Bible Study Group

If you would like to join the Bible Study Group, which provides a place to unfold Scripture, we shall meet on Tuesday 15 May at 7.30pm in the Friary (182 Iffley Road). Please bring a Bible, and read beforehand St Mark’s Gospel, chapter 1. Tea and coffee will be available.

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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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.

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Why do we have to go to Mass?

God doesn’t have to love us as a Father; he freely chooses to do so. Nor did he ‘have to’ give us his only Son to die for our sins and grant us the possibility of eternal life. God’s creativity is outdone only by his generosity.

So rather than asking why we should go to Mass, here is the question we should be asking: ‘Is God worth it?’ Is taking one hour a week to worship God, who has blessed us with everything we have, worth it? Is having an hour set aside to let God love us while we try to love him worth it? Do we think created things are more important than the One who created them?

Everything we have is a gift from God—every blessing in our lives, every person, talent, ability and interest—every good gift. The Mass is the greatest gift God gives us. When we come to be more aware of our own sins and our need for a saviour, the more clearly we see the Mass not merely as an obligation but rather as an opportunity not to be missed.

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.