

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 13 May 2018: 7th Sunday of Easter (Year B)

6.30pm (Saturday) Stokes & Doherty family
 9.00am Natalina Pinto
 11.00am Parishioners
 5.30pm Private intentions

Monday 14 May *St Matthias, Apostle*

7.30am Friars & Benefactors

Tuesday 15 May

7.30am Vocations

Wednesday 16 May *St Margaret of Cortona*

7.30am Baptista Rangel

Thursday 17 May

7.30am Kieran Hughes

Friday 18 May *St Felix of Cantalice*

7.30am C.M.A.

Saturday 19 May *St Crispin of Viterbo*

8.00am Elizabeth's mother RIP

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:

Colman Folan, Mary Nowland, Margaret West, Halcombe, Kenneth Walsh, Denis Ferriter, Agnes Moyles, Fred Fry, Yvonne East, Dr Evan James, Peter Ruane, Julia O'Dea & Lybert Lee.

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

COLLECTIONS:

Second Collection today: Catholic Communications

Last week's collection:

<i>Offertory</i>	£411.85	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£146.00
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No Second Collection next week

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Making Choices

Some decisions are easy. We can see the bad consequences of one choice, so we pick the option that offers better results. Some decisions are hard because the two choices seem equal. They may offer equally unhappy consequences, or they may offer two very good solutions. How do you decide when you cannot see an advantage?

This situation faced the early Church as it dealt with a painful situation. Jesus had formed a core group known as 'the Twelve'.

The early Church had to deal with the grief and exhilaration of Jesus' death and resurrection, but they also had to deal with the death of Judas.

Peter decided to replace Judas. He needed someone who was with Jesus from his baptism by John to his resurrection.

How could he choose?

They prayed and let God choose.



1st Reading: Acts 1:15-17,20-26

Response: **The Lord has set his sway in heaven.**

2nd Reading: 1 John 4:11-16

Gospel: John 17:11-19

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

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Today is the 7th Sunday of Easter (Year B).

Confirmation Mass at 5.30pm today

Today we welcome Bishop William Kenney to our parish to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on some of our parishioners at the 5.30pm Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

With Baptism and the Eucharist, *the sacrament of Confirmation* completes the process of our becoming full members of the Church. In this sacrament we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the grace Our Lord Jesus Christ won for us on the Cross, the help we need to live our lives as adult Christians.

The Month of May—dedicated to Our Lady.

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

For centuries, the Catholic church has set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day in May, but the entire month. You are invited to attend devotions at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

This week:

Church Cleaning:

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

Monday 14 May: St Matthias, Apostle

After the death of Judas, the apostles decided to replace him. They chose two men as candidates and prayed for the Lord's guidance. They cast lots and Matthias was chosen. The story of how he was numbered with the other apostles is found in the Acts of the Apostles (1:15-26). He is reputed to have been martyred by crucifixion.

Tuesday 15 May: Bible Study Group

If you would like to join the Bible Study Group, which provides a place to unfold Scripture, we meet this Tuesday 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.

Wednesday 16 May: St Margaret of Cortona, Franciscan Penitent

Born in 1247 a daughter of a Tuscan peasant, at 18 she ran away with a nobleman and lived with him for nine years. After his violent death she returned to the sacraments and joined the Third Order of St Francis. She had great devotion to the Passion of Christ and to the Holy Eucharist.

Friday 18 May: St Felix of Cantalice, Capuchin Brother

Born in 1525, he received the Capuchin habit in 1543. For forty years he exercised the office of quaestor in Rome, collecting alms to support the friars and their works of charity. He was renowned for his wonderful simplicity and charity.

Also on Friday 18 May: Holy Rosary at 7pm

The Holy Rosary is recited in the church every Friday evening at 7pm. All are invited. "The Rosary is a school of prayer. The Rosary is a school of faith." (Pope Francis)

Saturday 19 May: St Crispin of Viterbo, Capuchin Brother

Crispin, formerly called Peter Fioretti, was born at Viterbo in 1668. He received the Capuchin habit on 22 July 1693. Like St Felix of Cantalice, he exercised the office of quaestor for about forty years, giving a wonderful example of love of God and devotion to Our Lady. He died in Rome on 19 May 1750.

Also on Saturday: Order of Secular Franciscans Day of Recollection

You are invited to a Day of Recollection on Saturday 19 May 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 at The College, Littlemore, OX4 4LQ. For more details contact Deacon Richard OFS (07881 440305).

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Looking further ahead:

Sunday 20 May: Pentecost Sunday & First Holy Communions

Next Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost.

Send us your Spirit! After Jesus was taken up into heaven, the Apostles, Mary, and other women and men gathered to pray together. They knew that they needed the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus, to begin the difficult task of giving witness to the Reign of God. Today, we continue to pray:

"Come, Holy Spirit, come. Fill our hearts with the fire of your love."

At the 11am Mass next Sunday several children of the parish will be making their First Holy Communion. 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.

Morning Mass

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.

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.