

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 27 May 2018: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

6.30pm (Saturday)	Oswaldo da Silva RIP & Venancio da Costa RIP
9.00am	Kathy Sheehan RIP
11.00am	Parishioners
5.30pm	Padraic McDonagh RIP

Monday 28 May

7.30am	Friars & Benefactors
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Tuesday 29 May

7.30am	Maria Catarina Delonia Pires
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Wednesday 30 May

7.30am	Franciscan Missionary of Mary, deceased family & benefactors
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Thursday 31 May *Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7.30am	Pam Regan RIP
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Friday 1 June *St Justin, Martyr*

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

Saturday 2 June *St Felix of Nicosia, Capuchin Brother*

8.00am	Kieran Hughes
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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:

James Livingstone, Thomas White, Gregory Slattery, Una Riordan, Ellen Franklin, Kate Flanagan, Samuel Flynn, William Yardella & Joan Conway.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No Second Collection today next week

Last week's collection:

Offertory £638.08 + *Gift-aided* £160.00

No second collection next week

Gift-aided donations by standing order for 6-30 April: £570.00

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The Holy Trinity

Every family has its own unique story. Some speak of the immigration of their forebears. Others trace their ancestry back many generations within the place where they live. Every family has stories that make it different from every other family.

On his way to the promised land, Moses reminded his people of their story. They used to live in Egypt but, by many signs and wonders, they left their place of slavery and entered the promised land. They shared ancestry, persecution, victory, freedom and a long journey.

God played a central role. God spoke to them. God claimed them. God worked the wonders that brought them freedom. They could not tell their own family story without also telling a story of God.

God has played a central role in our story, too. When you review the history of your family and your parish, where has God been active? How has God shown his power and presence? How has God shown love?



1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40

Response: **Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.**

2nd Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Entrance Antiphon: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

Sunday 27 May 2018: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.

No matter how you feel, no matter what you are experiencing, you are wrapped in the love of almighty God. Your Father loves you and is watching over you. His Son has laid down his life for you and opened heaven's gate to you. And the Holy Spirit lives in your heart, constantly filling you with divine grace and power. "Thank you, Holy Trinity, for your encouragement and strength. Help me to turn to you and trust in you today."

This week:

Church Cleaning:

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

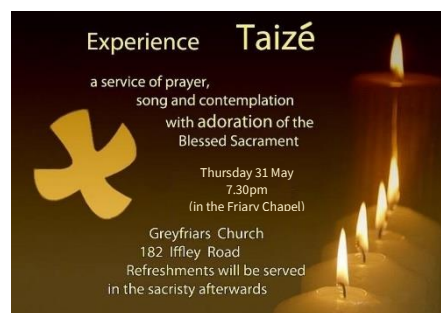
Tuesday 29 May: Bible Study Group

This Tuesday the Bible Study Group meets at 7.30pm in the Friary (182 Iffley Road). Please read beforehand St Mark's Gospel, chapters 1 & 2. The group provides a place to unfold Scripture. You are welcome to attend.

Thursday 31 May: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The origins of this feast are rooted in the Franciscan charism of peace and reconciliation. St Bonaventure introduced it into that order's calendar in the thirteenth century. It was extended in 1389 to the entire Western Church as a liturgical observance of prayer to heal the division affecting the Church in that age.

Thursday 31 May: Taizé Prayer



On the last Thursday of each month you are invited to attend a Taizé prayer service at 7.30pm in the Friary Chapel. Taizé-style worship centres on singing, prayer, and readings from Scripture. Brother Alois from Taizé wrote: 'The exchange with God becomes real for us in prayer; by his Holy Spirit God comes to dwell with us. By his Word and by the Sacraments, Christ gives himself to us. In return, we can

surrender everything to him.'

Friday 1 June: St Justin, Martyr

A convert to Christianity, he was a passionate searcher for truth, which he found in Christ. He defended the faith in his *Apologies* and *Dialogue*. He suffered martyrdom in one of the early persecutions of Christians in Rome in the year 165. He is frequently quoted in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, notably for a description of the early Eucharist.

Also on Friday 1 June: Holy Rosary at 7pm & First Friday Mass

Since it is the first Friday of the month, after Rosary we celebrate Mass in honour of

the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 7.30pm, followed by prayers and anointing for healing.

Saturday 2 June: St Felix of Nicosia, Capuchin Brother

Born at Nicosia in Sicily in 1715, Felix joined the Capuchin Franciscans and for more than thirty years he exercised the office of quaestor, collecting alms to support the friars and their works of charity. Noted for his humility and simplicity, he was adviser, guide and support for the poor, the learned and the clergy alike. He died in 1787.

Looking ahead:

Next Sunday, 3 June: The Solemnity of Corpus Christi

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, historically known by its Latin name, *Corpus Christi*, celebrates the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist—Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Also next Sunday: North Oxford Deanery Corpus Christi Procession

Starting at 2.30pm on Sunday 3 June at the the Oratory Church of St Aloysius, 25 Woodstock Road, with sermon at Blackfriars (3pm) and Benediction at the University Chaplaincy, Rose Place, followed by tea. First Communion outfits may be worn.

Saturday 9 June: Garden Party at Newman's College, Littlemore

The Friends of the College invite you to a Garden Party from 3pm–5pm on Saturday 9 June. Bring family and friends and enjoy the beautiful College garden with tea, cakes & ice cream, various stalls, games and live music, a guided tour at 4pm, and more.

All proceeds will go towards maintaining Newman's College.

For your Diary: Sunday 24 June, Parish Barbecue

On Sunday 24 June, from 12 noon to 4pm, we are having a parish BBQ, afternoon teas, strawberries & cream, cake stall, book and plant stalls, hook-a-duck, and face painting for the children. Tickets will entitle you to a burger or hotdog & salad. Tickets will be on sale after Masses from next week. Tickets in advance: £3 per adult; £1.50 per child. Tickets on the gate: £4 per adult; £2 per child. Preschool children go free.

The event is to bring the parish together and to raise funds for the development of the parish hall, but will also be a great social occasion.



Ordinary Time

Despite its name, this liturgical season is not 'ordinary' as in 'less important'. It really is 'ordered'. Ordinary Time 'bridges' the other liturgical seasons and keeps the spiritual rhythm of the liturgical year by walking us through the Gospels, unpacking the Christian life.

Ordinary Time has two parts. The first begins on the Monday following the Baptism of Our Lord and lasts until Ash Wednesday, and the second part begins on Pentecost Monday and lasts till the First Sunday of Advent. This makes it the longest season of the Church's liturgical year.

The liturgical colour: green. It symbolizes hope, eternal life, and growth.