

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 15 July 2018: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

6.30pm (Saturday) Francis Colton RIP
 9.00am Parishioners
 11.00am Fransisev Amaral & Durte Soares
 5.30pm Private intention

Monday 16 July

7.30am Friars & Benefactors

Tuesday 17 July

Bl. John Sugar &

7.30am *Bl. Robert Grissold* Vocations

Wednesday 18 July

7.30am 'Get well' intention

Thursday 19 July

7.30am Martinho Afonso

Friday 20 July

7.30am Kieran Hughes

Saturday 21 July

St Lawrence of

8.00am *Brindisi, Capuchin* Private intention

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:

Clara Steed, Trevor Anthony Parry, Gloria Blach, Margaret O'Callaghan, Gladys Fegan, Ethel Hamilton, Casey, Brendan Mills, Michael Lydon & Janet Quinlan.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No Second Collection today

Last week's collections:

Offertory	£424.43	+ Gift-aided	£163.00
Apostleship of the Sea	£190.88	+ Gift-aided	n/a

No second collection next week

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When God Gives Us Words To Speak

"Get out of here!" No one likes to hear those harsh words. Wherever we go, we like the assurance that the place where we arrive is hospitable.

At God's command Amos travelled to Bethel in the north to prophesy. He warned the people of God's judgement against them. At Bethel the local priest, Amaziah, didn't like hearing the message Amos brought. So he gave Amos a blunt and derisive retort: "Go home. Get out of Bethel. Go back to Judah. Leave us alone."

There was a problem. Prophesying in Bethel wasn't Amos's idea in the first place. It was God's idea, to condemn the people for their lack of faith and of concern for the poor.

Sometimes when people tell us to leave them alone, they may be wrong. If God has given us words to speak, we deliver them out of love.



1st Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Response: **Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.**

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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This week:

Church Cleaning:

Groups of dedicated volunteers keep the church clean and tidy. This week is the turn of Group D: Norbert/Leonel. Thank you.

Tuesday 17 July: Blessed John Sugar & Robert Grissold, Martyrs

John Sugar studied at the English College in Douai and was ordained a priest in 1601. After returning to England, he travelled throughout Warwickshire, Staffordshire and Worcestershire to minister to Catholics. Robert Grissold accompanied Fr John Sugar, and one day, while returning after celebrating Holy Mass, they encountered a search party and were arrested. They were martyred for their faith. St Pope John Paul II beatified them in 1987.

Friday 20 July: Holy Rosary

On Friday evenings the Holy Rosary is recited in the church at 7pm. All are welcome.

“The Rosary is a school of prayer. The Rosary is a school of faith.” (Pope Francis)

Saturday 21 July: St Lawrence of Brindisi, Capuchin

Lawrence joined the Capuchin Order at the age of 16 and quickly revealed an ability for theology, philosophy and languages. As a renowned preacher he travelled throughout Europe and wrote many works to explain the Catholic Faith. He died in Portugal as Minister-General of the Order in 1619. He is a Doctor of the Church.

Also on Saturday 21 July: Secular Franciscan Order Meeting

Beginning at 2.15pm in the Friary Chapel. We will be looking at the Beatitudes, and at being salt and light in the world (Matthew 5:1–16). Anyone is welcome to attend.

Further details from Deacon Richard OFS (07881440305).



Mass

During holiday time, why not go to an extra Mass during the week?

Morning Mass is celebrated on every weekday (Monday–Friday at 7.30am & Saturday at 8am) in the Friary Chapel. When you come to a weekday morning Mass, please enter via the main door of the Friary at 182 Iffley Road. Once you are in the porch, follow the sign to the Chapel.

Now the holiday season has started:

We ask you *not* to put *foreign coins* into the Sunday collection, as we have no facility for having them changed into British currency. Thank you.

Greyfriars Choir

Can you sing? Do you like singing? Why not join Greyfriars Choir? They lead the singing at the 11am Mass each Sunday—all are welcome. The choir rehearses before Mass on Sunday at 10.30am, and usually on Wednesday evenings in the sacristy at 8pm.

If you would like to join, please speak to the organist, John Brennan, after Mass for further information, or contact him by telephone (01865 243220). Thank you.



Weddings for 2019

If you are planning to get married in 2019, you should contact Fr 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 required, whether or not both partners are Catholic.

Parish Gift Aid Scheme Members: Has your address changed?

If you are a member of the Parish Gift Aid scheme, please notify James Martin at edward854@edward854.plus.com of any change of address. If we do not have accurate up-to-date records, the Revenue may withdraw from the parish the privilege of the Gift Aid scheme.

‘Why should I stay until the end of Mass? I see people leave after Communion.’

Communion is not the end of Mass. In fact, the time of meditation and prayer following communion should be one of the most important moments in the Mass for us.

In addition, the final blessing after Communion confers grace upon us that we will need during the week to live out the challenges Christ sets before us. We should wait to leave until the priest and servers have left the sanctuary and processed out. There is a rich symbolism here of following Christ out into the world.

‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life’ (John 14:6)

“Talk with Jesus in prayer while listening to the Word; experience the joy of reconciliation in the sacrament of Penance; receive the Body and Blood of Christ; welcome and serve Him in your brothers & sisters.” (St Pope John Paul II)

The late St Pope John Paul II was describing for us the way to be disciples of Jesus. First, read the Bible and listen to God’s word. Second, forgive others and be forgiven through the sacrament of Penance. Third, attend Mass and receive Christ in the Eucharist. After doing these things, go forth and serve others as Christ did.



Red Arrow Good Neighbour Scheme

Do you have a couple of hours a week to spare? If you have, the Red Arrow Good Neighbour Scheme is looking for volunteers who can befriend older people or help them practically with transport, shopping, gardening, etc. For more information and contact details, please read the notice in the church porch.