

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 22 July 2018: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

6.30pm (Saturday) Daige Finn RIP
 9.00am Parishioners
 11.00am Fransisku, Filomena & Flamima Amaral
 5.30pm Secular Franciscan Order

Monday 23 July *St Bridget, Patron of Europe*
 7.30am Friars & Benefactors

Tuesday 24 July
 7.30am Breda Begley RIP

Wednesday 25 July *St James, Apostle*
 7.30am Kieran Hughes

Thursday 26 July *Sts Joachim & Anne*
 7.30am CMA

Friday 27 July
 7.30am Pious Union

Saturday 28 July
 8.00am Vailency Fernander

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:

Joseph Cummins, Anastasia Gorlack, Sarah Ferrett, Dumbrell, Margaret Barrett, Giuseppina Rowles, Patrick O'Hara, Bridget Hughes & Margaret Quiry.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No Second Collection today

Last week's collection:

Offertory £396.86 + Gift-aided £107.00

No second collection next week

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Duty of Care

When parents hand children over to carers for the day, they rightly expect that those in authority will dutifully watch their children. When religious and civil leaders accepted responsibility for the people of Israel, God rightly expected that they would watch the people with care.

They failed. God punished the irresponsible leaders and appointed new leaders who would do the job right. But God promised to raise up a righteous shoot to David, a king who would govern wisely and do what is just. We Christians believe that that prophecy was fulfilled in the coming of Jesus, who rules as a righteous king and a good shepherd.

Whom has God placed in your care? If God were to assess your leadership, how would you score? If God could use you to unite rather than scatter, what actions would you take?



1st Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Response: **The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.**

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

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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 A: Mary Joyce & family. Thank you.

Monday 23 July: St Bridget, Patron of Europe. Feast.

Born in Sweden about 1303. Bridget and her husband Ulfo lived a devout life and raised eight children. The last of them, Catherine, is also a saint. After Ulfo's death, Bridget founded the mother house for the community that came to be known as the Brigittines. She is a Patron of Sweden and of Europe.

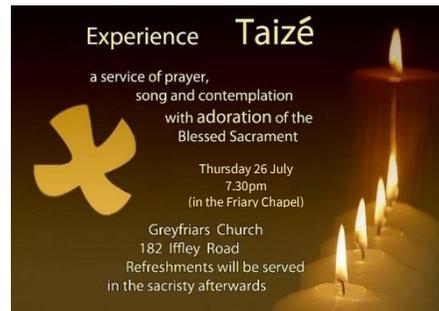
Wednesday 25 July: St James, Apostle. Feast.

James, a fisherman, born in Bethsaida, the son of Zebedee and the brother of John, is sometimes called 'James the Greater'. He was chosen by Jesus to witness his Transfiguration and the Agony in the Garden. Tradition identifies him as the Apostle of Spain, and his relics are said to be in Compostela, Spain. He was the first Apostle to shed his blood for Christ in AD44, through King Herod Agrippa I in Jerusalem.

Thursday 26 July: Sts Joachim & Anne, Parents of Our Lady

It was in the home of Joachim and Anne that the Blessed Virgin Mary received her training to be the Mother of God. Devotion to Anne and Joachim is thus an extension of the affection Christians have always professed towards Our Lady.

Also this Thursday: 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 27 July: Holy Rosary

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

Looking ahead:

Sunday 9 September: Trip to the National Eucharistic Congress

A coach will be going to Liverpool, leaving the Oxford Oratory at 7am, for the Solemn Mass in the Cathedral (presided over by Cardinal Vincent Nichols) and a Procession through the streets, ending with Benediction. After some free time in Liverpool, the

coach will return to Oxford by about 9pm. To sign up, please email Fr Daniel Seward (parish@oxfordoratory.org.uk). Cost for the coach per person: £20, a donation which may be given in at the Porter's Lodge at the Oratory or sent by bank transfer.



MISSION

Do you leave Mass with a mission? There are people who desperately need what you have! Before you exit the pew and genuflect, have a purpose and a plan. Who are you going to invite to Mass next Sunday or during the week? Who are you going to reach out to at work, college or school? What areas of your life do you need to work on? How can you unlock over the coming week the gift of grace within your soul that you have just received in the Holy Eucharist? The question is not whether you have been empowered at Mass but whether you comprehend the power that exists within you—and what you plan to do about it.

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

We are His Ambassadors

"Christ has made you his ambassadors, the primary evangelizers of your contemporaries." (St Pope John Paul II)

We have ambassadors from one country to another, who represent their country and are expected to act and make decisions for it. So, too, are we intended to be ambassadors of Jesus Christ, to represent Him to others.

Pope Francis on Confession

"Many humble people confess to having fallen again. The most important thing in the life of every man and every woman is not that they should never fall along the way. The important thing is always to get back up, not to stay on the ground licking your wounds. The Lord of mercy always forgives me; he always offers me the possibility of starting over."

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is celebrated on Saturdays (11.30am–12 noon, and 5.30pm–6.25pm) in this church. Alternatively, see a priest after Mass.

Accommodation Wanted

Young lady, Nicole Tan, seeks accommodation (one room) near Oxford Brookes University from September to July. If you can help, please inform Fr Gordon.

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.