

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 29 July 2018: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

6.30pm (Saturday) Delia White RIP
 9.00am Baby Adale Afonso
 11.00am Parishioners
 5.30pm Christine McKenzie

Monday 30 July

7.30am Friars & Benefactors

Tuesday 31 July *St Ignatius of Loyola*

7.30am Joseph Joyce

Wednesday 1 August *St Alphonsus Liguori*

7.30am Kieran Hughes

Thursday 2 August *Our Lady of the Angels*

7.30am Blossom Vas (6th birthday)

Friday 3 August

7.30am Elizabeth's intention
 7.30pm *In honour of the Sacred Heart*

Saturday 4 August

8.00am Elizabeth's 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:

Patrick Wallace, Ellen Cahalin, Laurette Lecomte-Peacock, Gordon Bagshall, Andrew Dancs, Helen Mirrlees, Sarah Carroll, Brian Joseph Lesson, Thomas Haren & Raymond Waite.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No Second Collection today

Last week's collection:

Offertory £432.82 + Gift-aided £128.00

No second collection next week

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Food for Body and Spirit

Almost any Christian can tell you the story of Jesus' miracles of the loaves. But very few can tell you the story of Elisha's miracle of the loaves.

The Second Book of Kings records a series of legends about Elisha's power. One of them concerns bread, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain. With these he fed a hundred people. There was enough. And there was bread left over.

When John tells the story of Jesus' miracle of the loaves, he includes some details that remind us of the story about Elisha: the barley loaves and left-over bread.

When Jesus' story reminds us of Elisha's story, we realize that the same God has been at work all along, choosing prophets to speak the divine word, and providing food for body and spirit in abundance.

If what you have to give is only a little, God can use it to do a lot.



1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Response: **You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.**

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: John 6:1-15

Entrance Antiphon: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

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

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

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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 B: Sam and John. Thank you.

Tuesday 31 July: St Ignatius of Loyola

Born 1491 in Loyola, Spain. His early life was led at court and as a soldier in the Spanish army for five years. Recuperating from a wound opened the door to a journey of conversion for him. He went to Paris to study theology. There he gathered his first followers. With them he founded the Society of Jesus in Rome, for the service of the Church, in total obedience to the Pope. He died in Rome in 1556.

Wednesday 1 August: St Alphonsus Mary de Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Born into nobility, Alphonsus was a well-educated lawyer by the age of 21. By his late twenties, however, he felt called to religious life and so began to study theology. He was ordained at 29. He founded the Redemptorists (the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer). A tireless apostle of the Eucharist and of our Blessed Mother Mary, he worked with great zeal for the poor and the sick. He died in 1787.

Thursday 2 August: Our Lady of the Angels

The Portiuncula was one of St Francis's favoured spots. Here he began and grew into his religious life, here he founded the Order of Friars Minor, here he manifested his love of and great devotion to the Mother of God, here he obtained the privilege of the Great Pardon, and here he ended his earthly life. As we honour Our Lady of the Angels, may we find inspiration for our own growth and development in the Gospel way of life.

Friday 3 August: Holy Rosary & First Friday Mass

On Friday evenings the Holy Rosary is recited in the church at 7pm. As this Friday is the first Friday of the month, we also celebrate at 7.30pm the Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with prayers and anointing for healing. All are welcome.

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Reminder of Upcoming Changes in the Friary Community in Oxford

A few weeks ago Br James, the Provincial, announced some changes in the Province due to pastoral needs. They affect the Erith and Oxford communities.

Br Gordon will move on about 20 August, returning to Erith to work in the parish and be Vicar to the community.

About the same time, Br Lucjan will return to Oxford from Erith, to be Post-Noviciate Director and Vicar to the community.

Br Paul Coleman will move to Oxford in mid-August when he has finished his sabbatical, to be the new parish priest.

It has also been announced that Br Martin Sanderson will be ordained to the diaconate. This will take place at Erith on Saturday 11 August at the 5.30pm Mass. Archbishop Peter Smith will preside.

Please keep us in your prayers. Fr Gordon.

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.

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Safeguarding in the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Archbishop Bernard Longley has commissioned a review of our current safeguarding/child protection practices in light of the National Catholic Policies and Procedures. This review is to be welcomed as a means of ensuring that our systems to protect our children and young people are as effective as possible. This review is being conducted by an independent charity called SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence). As part of the review, SCIE would like to speak with any individuals who have had experience with any safeguarding issues within the Archdiocese, and have experience of working with our parish safeguarding representatives and the safeguarding team at the Archdiocese. Anyone who is impacted by abuse issues can contact the safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 (emergency out of hours 07976 516629). **If you are able to contribute to this important review and share your experiences with SCIE then please contact Hugh Constant (Hugh.Constant@scie.org.uk or 020 7766 7374 or 07872 602207).**

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'We need the Eucharist to live out the Gospel.' (Pope Francis)

We need the spiritual nourishment of the Eucharist if we are to live the Gospel. We need to participate in Sunday Mass (and if possible Mass during the week) because only with the grace of Jesus, with his living presence in us and among us, can we put into practice his commandments, and thus be his credible witnesses.

Without the Eucharist, we 'are condemned to be dominated by the fatigue of everyday life'. (Pope Francis)

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.