

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 5 August 2018: 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

6.30pm (Saturday)		Christine McKenzie RIP
9.00am		Holy Souls
11.00am		Parishioners
5.30pm		Elizabeth's intention

**Monday 6 August**      *The Transfiguration  
of Our Lord*

7.30am		Friars & Benefactors
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**Tuesday 7 August**

7.30am		<i>St Anthony</i>
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**Wednesday 8 August**      *St Dominic*

7.30am		Mary Barnes RIP
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**Thursday 9 August**      *St Teresa Benedicta  
of the Cross*

7.30am		Kieran Hughes
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**Friday 10 August**      *St Lawrence*

7.30am		Ted Bohan
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**Saturday 11 August**      *St Clare*

8.00am		<i>In honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
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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:**

Mary Coombs, Michael Reddington, Lena Gilboy, Santa Korobiecki, Mary Barnes,  
Helena Henetty, Michael Brogan, Kathleen Riordan, George Sweeney & O'Shea.

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

### COLLECTIONS:

*No Second Collection today*

**Last week's collection:**

<i>Offertory</i>	£435.87	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£51.00
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*No second collection next week*

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### Sustenance in the Desert

They had no bread. Grain won't grow in deserts. Water is hard to find. There's plenty of heat for baking, but nobody could make fresh bread.

Except for God, that is. In the morning they discovered something like bread on the ground. With hungry, disappointed, fearful eyes they looked at the substance and asked the question many children have asked, suspicious of something on the dinner plate: What's this?

So that's what they called it, 'What's this?'— 'Manna'.

Crossing the desert days of life, we may take no pleasure in the food we eat, the companions we share, or the place where we live. God provides for us in ways that may not be appetizing, but at least they offer rescue.



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

Response: **The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 4:17,20-24

Gospel: John 6:24-35

**Entrance Antiphon:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; No one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

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*Today is the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B).*

*This week:*

### **Church Cleaning:**

Groups of dedicated volunteers keep the church clean and tidy. This week is the turn of Group C: Margaret Madden & family/Michael. Thank you.

### **Monday 6 August: The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

The Transfiguration tells us that we can be transformed, every day, as we embrace God's word on the mountain: 'This is my beloved Son... Listen to him.' As we quiet our hearts to hear Jesus' voice, his glory rubs off on us. His word changes our hearts. His glory helps us lift up our heads.

What a wonderful hope this message of transformation is! Without it, we're stuck right where we are. The best we can do is what Peter stammered out: erect a tent to honour what God has done for us.

Of course, commemorating past blessing isn't a bad thing, but God has so much more for us. He wants us to move into the future with him. He invites us to follow him on his journey of love, through the Cross to the risen life that he has promised to all of us.

So listen to Jesus today. Try to detect his still voice in prayer, in nature, or in your circumstances. Listen to him, and he will raise you up.

### **Wednesday 8 August: St Dominic**

Born at Calaruega in Spain about the year 1170, Dominic founded the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), devoted to contemplation, study and preaching. A contemporary of St Francis of Assisi, he died on 6 August 1221 at Bologna.

### **Thursday 9 August: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Feast.**

This feast commemorates a heroine of modern-day persecution, Edith Stein (1891-1942). She was born into an orthodox Jewish family. She became a philosopher and spiritual writer. She became a Catholic in 1922 and entered a Carmelite convent in 1934, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

When the Nazis began persecuting the Jews she left for the Netherlands to protect the nuns in her convent. However, the Nazis invaded Holland and she was arrested, taken to Auschwitz, and gassed in 1942. Pope St John Paul II named her co-patron of Europe.

### **Friday 10 August: St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr**

One of the most influential martyrs of the early Church, this deacon is the subject of countless works of art and the patron of more churches in Rome than any other saint except the Blessed Mother of God, Mary. Lawrence is remembered for his extraordinary charity to the poor and hungry, as well as his bravery when roasted to death on a grill, just a few days after the martyrdom of the pope he served.

### **Also on Friday: Holy Rosary**

Every Friday evening the Holy Rosary is recited in the church at 7pm. All are welcome.

### **Saturday 11 August: St Clare**

A close friend of St Francis of Assisi, Clare lived in the same town and heard him preach in the streets. She approached him secretly (for she was from a noble family) and told him of her desire to follow him and live for God. She founded the Order of Poor Ladies (Poor Clares) at San Damiano and led that community for 40 years, devoted to poverty, a life of prayer and silence.

### **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](mailto: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 (the 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](mailto:Hugh.Constant@scie.org.uk) or 020 7766 7374 or 07872 602207).**

### **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.

### **Your Prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Helena Forkun.**

Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 8 August at 9.30am in the church. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.