

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 19 August 2018: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

6.30pm (Saturday) Gwen Moore RIP
 9.00am Parishioners
 11.00am Adelina de Fatima Lemos, Cosme Ximenes Da Costa & Anita de Jesus
 5.30pm Patrick Downes RIP

Monday 20 August St Bernard

7.30am Friars & Benefactors

Tuesday 21 August St Pius X

7.30am St Anthony

Wednesday 22 August The Queenship of Mary

7.30am Private intention

Thursday 23 August

7.30am Ezra L. Moore RIP

Friday 24 August St Bartholomew, Apostle

7.30am Pious Union

Saturday 25 August St Louis of France

8.00am Christine McKenzie

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 Downes, Michael Kenny, Raymond Inseal, Anne Kelly, Kazimierz Heller, Maureen Prenderville, Martin Cahalin & Elizabeth Pearson.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No Second Collection today

Last week's collection:

Offertory £461.69 + Gift-aided £66.00

No second collection next week

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The Source of Wisdom

The Book of Proverbs envisions divine Wisdom as a woman who has prepared a lavish meal. She has built a house and spread a table within it. She invites to this table not those who are hungry for physical food, but those who are simple. Those who lack understanding may come to this meal.

Those who dine at Wisdom's table nourish their mind, not their belly.

The meal we share at church is small: a bit of bread, a sip of wine. But this food and drink is much more. It is the Body of Christ, the source of all wisdom.

When we make the Eucharist a part of our lives, we grow in wisdom; we become what we eat. We are the body of Christ.



1st Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Response: **Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel: John 6: 51-58

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

Today is the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B).

This weekend **we welcome Br. Paul**, who joins the Oxford Community **as he takes up his new post as Parish Priest** here at Greyfriars.

We also say farewell to Br. Gordon. (NB. There will be a ‘Thank You’ party for him in the Parish Hall after today’s 11am Mass.) After a short break, Br. Gordon will move down to Erith to assist in the parish and be Vicar to the community there.

Br. Lucjan will very soon be coming back to the Oxford Community to take up his position as Post-Noviciate Director and Vicar to the Community.

Please keep all of them in your prayers.

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 20 August: St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

St Bernard (1090–1153) was born in Dijon, France. He joined the monastery of Citeaux when he was 22 years old. Later he founded the monastery of Clairvaux Abbey in Burgundy. He led a reform of the Cistercians and was known as an effective preacher and writer. He also travelled through Europe, trying to restore peace and unity.

Tuesday 21 August: St Pius X, Pope

Born near Venice to a humble family in 1835, he became a priest, a bishop and then Patriarch of Venice. He was elected Pope in 1903, with the motto, ‘To renew all things in Christ’. He renewed public worship and encouraged the frequent reception of Holy Communion, also encouraging its reception by young children. He died in 1914.

Wednesday 22 August: The Queenship of Mary

Today is the eighth day after the Solemnity of the Assumption, the celebration of Mary’s entrance, body and soul, into heaven. This memorial celebrates her role as heaven’s Queen.

Friday 24 August: St Bartholomew, Apostle

St Bartholomew was from Cana in Galilee. His name appears in all the lists of the Twelve in the Synoptics and in Acts. He is identified with Nathanael who was brought to Jesus by his friend, the apostle Philip. According to tradition, he preached the Gospel in Arabia and Armenia, where he died as a martyr.

Also on Friday: Holy Rosary at 7pm

Every Friday evening the Holy Rosary is recited in the church at 7pm. All are welcome. “The Rosary is the ‘weapon’ for these times.” (St Padre Pio)

Saturday 25 August: St Louis, King, Patron of the Secular Franciscans

Born in 1214, Louis became King of France at the age of 22. He married and had seven children, whom he brought up religiously. He was outstanding in penance and prayer

and in his love for the poor. In ruling his kingdom he was concerned not only with peace and the temporal good of his subjects but also with their spiritual welfare. He died in 1270 near Tunis.

Looking ahead:

Saturday 8 September: Memorial Mass for Sr. Christine Austin SHCJ

The Memorial Mass for Sister Christine Austin SHCJ will take place at Blessed Dominic Barberi Church, Littlemore at 11am. All are welcome.

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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Greyfriars Parish Gift Aid, 2017-18 Tax Year

Arising from donations to the Greyfriars Gift Aid scheme for the financial year ending 5 April 2018, Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs have credited the Parish with £3772.81. We are very grateful to all donors.

If anyone else paying tax on income and/or savings wishes to join the scheme it can be done by the completion of a simple form. For more information contact James Martin, the Gift Aid Organiser, at edward854@edward854.plus.com.

Overcoming a Fear of Confession

There are many reasons why people are afraid of confession. Some have had bad experiences. Some are afraid of going into a small confessional. Some recall harsh treatment. Some may be so ashamed of something that they dare not admit it to anyone. The problem with all these things is that when we bury something negative, it stays inside us, where it festers and makes us feel unnecessary guilt, anger and resentment. We sometimes have to expend a lot of energy to keep something below the surface. Confession gives us the chance to open old wounds and let the poison drain out. It is a healing process.

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 or call at the Friary.

Morning Mass During the Week—Holiday Season

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.