

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Sunday 26 August 2018: 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

6.30pm (Saturday) Delia White RIP

9.00am Angelina Chole

11.00am Parishioners

5.30pm OFS

**Monday 27 August St Monica**

10.00am Friars & Benefactors

**Tuesday 28 August St Augustine**

7.30am Vocations

**Wednesday 29 August Beheading of St John  
the Baptist**

7.30am Pereira Family intentions

**Thursday 30 August Sts Margaret Clitheroe,  
Anne Line & Margaret  
Ward**

7.30am Margaret & Kevin's intention

**Friday 31 August St Aidan & the Saints  
of Lindisfarne**

7.30am Kieran Hughes

**Saturday 1 September**

8.00am Pascoal Alves & Bakhita Maua

**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:**

Leo Jones, Fr John O'Reilly, James Patten & Pierre Dubois.

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

### COLLECTIONS:

*No Second Collection today*

**Last week's collection:**

*Offertory* £462.31 + *Gift-aided* £82.00

*No second collection next week*

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### Choose today whom you wish to serve

The decisions we make every day reveal what is important to us, what our underlying values are.

When Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together, he told them they had to make a choice. Would they serve the Lord, the God Who had rescued them from slavery? Or would they go and serve other gods? Out of gratitude for what the Lord had done for them, the people chose to serve Him.

Whom will you serve, and why?



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel: John 6: 60-69

**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

## **Greyfriars News:**

**Br. Gordon** has left Greyfriars, and he will be having a short break in Italy before moving to the friary in Erith, London. He is grateful for all the gifts and good wishes that were showered upon him by parishioners.

**Br. Paul** is now the parish priest. He thanks Br. Gordon for all the good work he did in the parish, and he asks for your prayers as he seeks to build on those foundations.

**The General Chapter of the Capuchin Franciscans** begins in Rome on Monday 27 August and lasts until Sunday 16 September. Our own Br. Charles will be there as a translator. Please pray for him and for all the other friars from around the world during this important conference.

*This week:*

**Mass on Monday: please note that this will be at 10am.**

### **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.

### **Monday 27 August: St Monica**

Monica was a North African Christian of the fourth century who persistently prayed for the conversion of her son, Augustine, who had turned away from the faith. Her prayers seem to have been very effective, because he became...

### **Tuesday 28 August: St Augustine**

After his conversion at the age of 31, Augustine adopted a monastic lifestyle and within a few years was ordained a priest and then a bishop. His many sermons and writings have been a strong influence in Christianity ever since.

### **Wednesday 29 August: The Beheading of St John the Baptist**

John the Baptist's preaching ministry and eventually his life were brought to an end because he dared to criticise King Herod for marrying his brother's wife, Herodias.

### **Thursday 30 August: Sts Margaret Clitheroe, Anne Line & Margaret Ward**

These three English women died at different times and in different ways. But they were all martyred for aiding and abetting Catholic priests during the reign of Elizabeth I.

### **Friday 31 August: St Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne**

The small island of Lindisfarne, off the coast of Northumberland, became the base for St Aidan in his evangelisation of the Anglo-Saxons. After his time the monastery there was home to many other holy men, such as St Coleman, all of whom we commemorate together.

### **Also on Friday 31 August: Holy Rosary at 7pm**

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

## *Looking ahead:*

### **Festival of Flowers and Open Day, 8 & 9 September**

Holy Trinity Church in Hethe, North Oxfordshire is holding a flower festival and an exhibition of vestments from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. More information is on the poster in the church porch.

### **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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### **Letter of Pope Francis to the People of God**

Pope Francis has responded to new reports of clerical sexual abuse and the ecclesial cover-up of abuse. In an impassioned letter addressed to the whole People of God, he calls on the Church to be close to victims in solidarity, and to join in acts of prayer and fasting in penance for such atrocities. You can read the full text of his letter at [www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-08/pope-francis-letter-people-of-god-sexual-abuse.html](http://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-08/pope-francis-letter-people-of-god-sexual-abuse.html).

### **Kerala floods: an SVP appeal**

As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India – it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk), telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. And please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.

### **IF YOU GO INTO HOSPITAL...**

Catholics in hospital are unlikely to receive an automatic visit from the Catholic Chaplain. If someone is taken to hospital, please let the Friary know or ask the staff on the ward to contact the Catholic Chaplain so that the patient may receive Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of the Sick.