

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 9 September 2018: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

6.30pm (Saturday) Frances Adams
9.00am Bernard Conway RIP
11.00am Parishioners
5.30pm John Barnes RIP

Monday 10 September *Blessed Agnellus of Pisa*
7.30am Friars & Benefactors

Tuesday 11 September
7.30am Vocations

Wednesday 12 September *In honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe*
7.30am

Thursday 13 September *St John Chrysostom*
7.30am Ezra L. Moore RIP

Friday 14 September *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*
7.30am Kieran Hughes

Saturday 15 September *Our Lady of Sorrows*
8.00am Mrs Nora Reilly's intentions

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:

John Barnes, John Power, Agnes Jordan, Stella Weaver, Pietro Rinaldi, Coilin Mathew Kelly, Arthur Devine, Josef Besikewski, Jercy Ludwig, Michael Willoughby, Charles Mann, Mary Morrissey, Agnes Hoare, John Hoffman & Edith Mutters.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No Second Collection today

Last week's collection:

Offertory £274.11 + Gift-aided £174.70

Second collection next week: *Catholic Evangelisation Home Mission*

Gift-aided donations by standing order for August: £970.00

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Water gushes in the desert

Britain experienced something of a drought this summer; but in the Holy Land the normal pattern is six or seven months without rain. The country lives on the edge of becoming desert. Indeed, some of the land is actually desert. Every spring of water is important. They can only dream of the abundance of water that we experience.

Our green and pleasant land, however, is something of a spiritual desert. A parish community like ours is – or is supposed to be – a spring of water, an oasis in that desert, bringing life to whatever it touches.



1st Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

Response: **My soul, give praise to the Lord.**

2nd Reading: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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Greyfriars News:

Br. Lucjan is back among us, and you will see him around this weekend. We also welcome **Br. Ade Green**, who is here for philosophy and theology studies.

The General Chapter of the Capuchin Franciscans in Rome has elected a new General Minister, who will lead the Order over the next six years. His name is Br. Roberto Genuin – please pray for him as he takes up this responsibility.

This week:

Church Cleaning:

Groups of dedicated volunteers keep the church clean and tidy. This week is the turn of Group D: Norbert & Leonel. Thank you.

Monday 10 September: Blessed Agnellus of Pisa

In 1224 St. Francis himself sent Agnellus and nine other friars to England. The first friaries they established were in Canterbury, London, and Oxford. Agnellus was influential in the beginnings of Oxford University, and it was here in Oxford that he died. He is depicted in the central window above the sanctuary of our church.

Tuesday 11 September: Bible Study

The Bible Study Group will meet on Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Friary (182 Iffley Rd). Please read beforehand chapters 5 & 6 of St. Mark's Gospel. The Group provides a place to unfold Scripture: you are welcome to attend.

Thursday 13 September: St John Chrysostom

Bishop of Constantinople, St. John was a famed preacher – 'Chrysostom' means 'Golden Mouth'. He was particularly energetic in proclaiming our Christian duty to help the poor.

Friday 14 September: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Originally established to celebrate the fourth-century discovery of the Cross that Jesus was crucified on, this feast emphasises the positive effects of the Crucifixion: i.e. our salvation from sin and death.

Also on Friday: Holy Rosary

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

Saturday 15 September: Our Lady of Sorrows

Following on from the Exaltation of the Cross, this day commemorates how Mary shared in her Son's sufferings – thus playing her own subsidiary role in the mystery of our salvation.

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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; and countless homes have been washed away after some of the worst monsoon rains

in more than a century. 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, 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.

Please continue to remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.

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Morning Mass

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

Eucharistic Adoration

It is a great help to prayer to be in the presence of Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. You are welcome to join the friars in quietly adoring Him on Saturdays 5.30pm-6.15pm (in the main church) and Mondays to Fridays after the 7.30am Mass until 8.30am (in the Friary Chapel).

Holy Communion for the Housebound

Often, as we get older, we are not always able to attend Mass and need to receive the Sacrament at home. The priest or a eucharistic minister normally takes Holy Communion to the housebound at times when it is convenient. Please let Br. Paul know if you or a loved one cannot attend Mass, and he will arrange Holy Communion at home.

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.

Register as a New Parishioner

Welcome to St Edmund & St Frideswide Catholic Church! If you are new to the parish and would like to register as a member, please complete a registration form, which can be found at the back of the church.

We look forward to getting to know you better. May the Lord bless you and your family.