

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 21 October 2018: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

6.30pm (Saturday) Anna McDonagh RIP
9.00am Julia Stokes
11.00am Parishioners
5.30pm Secular Franciscan Order

Monday 22 October St John Paul II

7.30am Friars & Benefactors

Tuesday 23 October St John of Capestrano

7.30am Maria C. C. Pereira

Wednesday 24 October

7.30am Kieran Hughes

Thursday 25 October

7.30am *In honour of St Anthony*

Friday 26 October

7.30am Antonio Palombo & Theresa del Bene

Saturday 27 October

8.00am Maria Fatima Soares,
Carlos Godinho & family

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:

Joan Wybraniec, Margaret Noonan, Alice Collins, Nora Folan, Kathleen Robinson,
Norah Maskell, Timothy O'Shea, Mary Bridget Harris & John McAndrew.

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

COLLECTIONS:

Second Collection today: APF World Mission Sunday

Last week's collections:

Offertory £461.62 + Gift-aided £89.00

No Second Collection next week

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The Law of Gift

“The Son of Man”, Jesus tells us, “did not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” And the very title He takes upon Himself – ‘the Son of Man’ – indicates that His is a supremely human example.

St John Paul II, whose feast we celebrate this Monday, formulated ‘The Law of the Gift’, the idea that generosity and giving are fundamental to human nature. And he wasn’t just talking about giving money or other things, but about a gift of one’s entire life. “Man cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself.”



1st Reading: Isaiah 53:10–11

Response: **May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:14–16

Gospel: Mark 10:35–45

Entrance Antiphon: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

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. Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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World Mission Sunday

Today we remember, pray for, and offer support to the missionaries who generously bring the Gospel to other countries. The second collection today will be for *Missio*, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission. The funds raised build much-needed infrastructure, from chapels and schools to orphanages, clinics, and dispensaries.

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.

Monday 22 October: St. John Paul II

Karol Wojtyla's election as Pope was the beginning of the end for Communism in his native Poland and in the other countries of the Soviet bloc. He revolutionised the papacy, travelling all over the world to energise the faithful and to proclaim the Gospel: "Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ."

Tuesday 23 October: St. John Capestrano

Another tirelessly travelling preacher, this Franciscan friar ministered throughout much of 15th-century Europe. On one occasion, at Brescia in Italy, his preaching drew a crowd of 126,000 people.

Also on Tuesday 23 October: Bible Study group

The Bible Study group provides a place to unfold Scripture and to explore our faith together. We will meet on Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Friary (182 Iffley Rd). Please read beforehand chapters 11 & 12 of St Mark's Gospel.

Thursday 25 October: Taizé Prayer

On the last Thursday of each month you are invited to attend a Taizé prayer service at 7.30pm in the Friary Chapel. Taizé-style worship centres on singing, prayer, and readings from Scripture. Brother Alois from Taizé wrote: "The exchange with God becomes real for us in prayer; by his Holy Spirit God comes to dwell with us. By his Word and by the Sacraments, Christ gives himself to us. In return, we can surrender everything to him."

Friday 26 October: Holy Rosary

Every Friday evening the Holy Rosary is recited in the church at 7pm. All are welcome. Pope Francis has asked all the faithful to pray a Rosary every day of October.

Looking further ahead:

Sunday 18th November: Autumn Fair in aid of Parish Hall Renovation Project (10am - 3pm)

With a wide array of stalls: cakes, tea/coffee, Fairtrade gifts, Christmas cards, nearly new toys and gifts, children's stall, books, raffle and more. Plans for the renovation have been drawn up and we are excited to share these with you at the fair.

Donations for the nearly new stalls, raffle prizes, cakes, biscuits, home produce gratefully received. Please leave them in the church porch before Masses in box provided. Thank you.

To help with the fundraising we are asking you to sign up to Easyfundraising. Every time you shop online through the Easyfundraising website your chosen shop will donate a percentage to our cause. With Christmas fast approaching, we will soon be buying gifts and it will be a great opportunity to help raise funds at no cost to yourselves. If you can help in this way, please follow the link:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/greyfriarsparishhall/.

Confirmations 2019 (applications deadline *this Sunday*)

The sacrament of Confirmation appoints and equips you to live and serve as a fully-fledged disciple of Christ. So those who wish to receive this sacrament are required to follow a preparation course. Application forms are now available at the back of church for Catholic children in Year 6, **and the deadline for applications is Sunday 21 October**. Adults or older children who have not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation are invited to speak to Br. Paul about it, so that alternative arrangements can be made.

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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.

Becoming a Catholic

Many people who aren't Catholics attend this church, either regularly or just dropping by. All of you are welcome, wherever you are on your journey with Jesus Christ. But if you're interested in the possibility of becoming a Catholic, then you can be further introduced to the faith and ultimately, if you wish, prepared for reception into the Catholic Church. Please speak to Br. Paul or drop him an email to register your interest.

Tea/Coffee after the 11am Sunday Mass

Please note that after the 11am Sunday Mass tea and coffee are served in the Parish Hall—a time to relax and take the chance to get to know each other.

Altar Linen

St Francis was very keen that the cloths we use for the altar and for the sacred vessels should be as clean as possible, out of respect for the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We are looking for helpers to wash and iron these cloths on a regular basis. If you are willing to help in this way, please speak to one of the friars or contact the parish office.