

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 4 November 2018: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

6.30pm (Saturday) Mikey, Cathy, and family
9.00am Parishioners
11.00am Br Lucjan's intentions
5.30pm Wendy McCully's intentions

Monday 5 November

7.30am Friars & Benefactors

Tuesday 6 November

7.30am *In honour of St Anthony*

Wednesday 7 November

7.30am Holy Souls

Thursday 8 November *Bl. John Duns Scotus*

7.30am Kieran Hughes

Friday 9 November *Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica*

7.30am Rachel & Kelly

Saturday 10 November *St Leo the Great*

8.00am Salvador Soares

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:

Joseph Gallagher, Catherine Inseal, Bridget Hancock, Orlando Grisoli, Molly Ruddock, Thomas Maughan, John Blick, Michael Devaney, John MulKirren, Eusebia Hawkes & George Montgomery.

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

COLLECTIONS:

Second Collection today: Johnson Association

Last week's collection:

Offertory £514.24 + Gift-aided £97.00

No Second Collection next week

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The Two Great Commandments

It was common among the rabbis and scribes to ask which of the many commandments was the most important. The interpretation of the Law depended on which parts were seen as primary. The response of Jesus, however, is unusual in that He identifies not one, but two key commandments. Neither love of God nor love for one's neighbour will suffice by itself. The two must go together.



1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Response: **I love you, Lord, my strength.**

2nd Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

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

Communion Antiphon. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Second Collection this week: Johnson Association

The Johnson Association supports the retired clergy of the diocese.

A message from the Archdiocese

This weekend Archbishop Bernard Longley will personally be addressing the Archdiocese's involvement in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) when an open pastoral letter is read out in all churches. The letter is available on the Archdiocese website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

If you would like to speak to someone about safeguarding and the Church's work, please call 0121 230 6240. If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

Please pray with us for all victims of abuse, and for all those involved in the work of this important Inquiry.

November Prayers for the Dead

Many of those who have died are still being prepared in purgatory for entry into heaven. We pray for them throughout the year, but especially focus on them during the month of November. As one way of doing this together, you are invited to collect a November envelope from the back of the church and place in it the names of your deceased loved ones. These names will be placed under the altar throughout November and Mass will be offered for them every day. If you wish to make an offering, you can also put it in the envelope.

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.

Tuesday 6 November: Bible Study Group

A less formal way for both Catholics and non-Catholics to learn about the faith is our Bible Study group, which meets every other Tuesday. The next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6 November, in the Friary (182 Iffley Road). Please read beforehand chapters 13 & 14 of St. Mark's Gospel.

Thursday 8 November: Blessed John Duns Scotus

This influential 13th-century Franciscan theologian from Scotland (as his name suggests) taught at Oxford, Paris, and Cologne. He is particularly remembered for his theological defence of the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Friday 9 November: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Although we now associate the Pope with St Peter's Basilica at the Vatican, his cathedral is actually the Basilica of St John the Baptist, which is on the Lateran hill in Rome. So the celebration of its dedication is a celebration of the special ministry of the Bishop of Rome.

Also on Friday 9 November: Holy Rosary

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

Saturday 10 November: St Leo the Great

As Pope in the 5th century, Leo had to deal with theological controversies, Church disunity, the slow collapse of the Western Roman Empire, and the invasion of Attila the Hun. The fact that he is remembered as 'the Great' indicates that he handled these challenges well.

Looking further ahead:

Thursday 15 November: Induction of our new parish priest

At a 7pm Mass the Dean, Fr. John Hancock, will formally induct Br Paul Coleman as parish priest of this church, St Edmund and St Frideswide. Everyone is invited to come to pray for Br Paul and for the whole parish. Refreshments in the hall afterwards.

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

We will have an array of stalls, with the usual cakes, tea/coffee, Fairtrade gifts, Christmas cards, nearly new toys and gifts, books, plus children's stalls, 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 and home produce will be gratefully received. Please leave them in the church porch before Masses in the 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. Please help, by following the link:

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

Saturday 24 November: Brother Loarne's Silver Jubilee

The Capuchins at Greyfriars request the honour of your company at our 25th anniversary celebrations of Br. Loarne's religious profession. We begin with Mass at 11am, followed by some 'Little Flowers' of Br. Loarne's life, a buffet lunch, some musical offerings, and a talk on Tolkien and the angels, finishing at about 3pm.

First Holy Communions 2019

The gift of Jesus' Body and Blood in the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian lives, so the Church wishes children to receive it as soon as they can appreciate its importance. Application forms are now available at the back of church for children in Year 3 or above. The deadline for applications is Sunday 16th December, and preparation classes will begin in the New Year.