

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 2 December 2018: 1st Sunday of Advent (Year C)

6.30pm (Saturday) Erik, Leo & Quevin RIP
 9.00am Br Thomas More OFMCap RIP
 11.00am Holy Souls
 5.30pm Parishioners

Monday 3 December *St Francis Xavier* Friars & Benefactors

7.30am

Tuesday 4 December

7.30am *In honour of St Anthony*

Wednesday 5 December *St Birinus*

7.30am Barbara RIP

Thursday 6 December

7.30am Kieran Hughes

Friday 7 December *St Ambrose*

7.30am Br Ambrose's intentions
 7.30pm *In honour of the Sacred Heart*

Saturday 8 December *The Immaculate Conception*

8.00am Graham Moffat RIP

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:

Anthony Jones, Mary Roberts, Norah Jackson, Dennis Doyle, Patrick O'Callaghan, Celia Jennings, Theresa Brown, Marie Gwynn, Peter Masnyj, Gertrude Albert, Peter McDonagh, Kathleen Bedlington & Patrick Franklin.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No Second Collection today. Next week: Poor Parishes Fund

Last week's collections:

Offertory £418.71 + Gift-aided £156.00

Catholic Youth Service £202.92 + Gift-aided £58.00

Gift-aided donations by standing order for October 2018: £970

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There is always hope

Christian hope does not mean thinking that Jesus *might* come again; it means knowing that he *will* come again. He is coming to put everything right, and in fact He has already begun. That certainty gives light to the dark and difficult times, giving us strength to carry on. That is what we call hope.



1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Response: **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Entrance Antiphon: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon. The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Walk With Me Booklets for Advent

As an aid to your journey through Advent, please pick up a 'Walk With Me' booklet from the back of church. It contains daily reflections on the Gospel readings and suggestions for prayer. There are also some Advent & Christmas calendars for children. If you wish to make a donation to the cost, please put it in the CTS box.

Autumn Fair

A number of books and other second-hand items were left over after the Fair, so these will be on sale in the hall after the 11am Mass this Sunday. This weekend is also the last opportunity to buy raffle tickets: the winners will be announced next weekend, 8-9 December.



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 3 December: St Francis Xavier

Patron saint of missionaries, Francis evangelised in India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, and Japan, but died on his way to China.

Tuesday 4 December: Bible Study Group

The Bible Study Group meets on Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Friary (182 Iffley Rd). The group provides a place to unfold Scripture: you are welcome to attend, whatever your knowledge of the Bible. It is helpful, however, to read the scheduled chapters beforehand. Having finished Mark's Gospel, this week we look at the first two chapters of the Acts of the Apostles.

Wednesday 5 December: St Birinus

Birinus, from what is now France, was one of the first missionaries to Wessex. His mission base and cathedral was in Dorchester-on-Thames.

Friday 7 December: St Ambrose

Ambrose was chosen as Bishop of Milan when he wasn't even baptised. He is perhaps best remembered for converting Augustine of Hippo; but he was an important theologian in his own right.

Also on Friday 7 December: Holy Rosary followed by First Friday Mass

Every Friday evening the Holy Rosary is recited in the church at 7pm. This week it is followed at 7.30pm by our monthly First Friday Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with prayers and anointing for healing.

Saturday 8 December: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary was full of grace right from the moment of her conception in her mother's

womb. Being full of grace, she was free from original sin, rather as a room full of light is free from darkness.



Looking further ahead:

Sundays 2 & 9 December: Christmas Collection for the Gatehouse

The Gatehouse, which is attached to St Giles Church, and the Porch, which is in our parish, are drop-in centres which support the homeless and vulnerably housed. The Greyfriars Justice and Peace group is again organising a Christmas collection of items to help these charities offer food, help, and support to those in need.

We are collecting food and clothing, etc., that the charities have told us that they need. Items they would like to receive are: hot chocolate/drinking chocolate; mayonnaise/salad cream; chocolate bars; crackers; Marmite; Branston pickle; sugar; peanut butter; socks—male and female (but more for men); women's pants (medium); men's pants/boxer shorts (medium); thermals and long johns; gloves; hats; and scarves. (All underwear should be brand new; but clean, slightly used gloves/hats/scarves are welcome.) A full list is available at the back of the church. There will be a box by the Sacred Heart Altar for donations on the first two weekends of Advent, 1 to 9 December.

Christmas Cards

There are some packs of Christmas cards in the porch, on sale in support of Aid to the Church in Need, which helps persecuted Christians around the world. Please pay for them in the CTS box.

First Holy Communions 2019

Application forms are available at the back of church for children in Year 3 or above. The deadline for applications is Sunday 16 December, and preparation classes will begin in the New Year.



Welcome to St Edmund & St Frideswide Catholic Church!

If you are new to the parish and would like to register as a member—whether or not you are a Catholic—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.

Tea/Coffee after the 11am Sunday Mass

Coffee/tea and light refreshments are served in the Parish Hall after the 11am Sunday Mass. It is a great opportunity to come after Mass and have a drink and chat, meet friends and make new ones. All are welcome.