

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 16 December 2018: 3rd Sunday of Advent (Year C)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Parishioners
9.00am	Derek Brown RIP
11.00am	Angela Keown
5.30pm	Graham Moffat RIP

Monday 17 December

7.30am	Friars & Benefactors
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Tuesday 18 December

7.30am	Richard Pinniger RIP
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Wednesday 19 December *Dedication of the church*

7.30am	Catholic Missionary Association
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Thursday 20 December

7.30am	Kieran Hughes
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Friday 21 December

7.30am	Christian Cumming RIP
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Saturday 22 December

8.00am	Holy Souls
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 11am-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:

Helen Massey, John Bradley, Thomas Collings, Francis Cyran, Maud Bint, Margaret Bedwin, Persis Harvey, Raul Casares & Thomas Patrick O'Boyle.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No Second Collection today

Last week's collections:

Offertory	£447.52	+ Gift-aided	£104.35
Poor Parishes Fund	£278.69	+ Gift-aided	£56.32

Second Collection next week: Christmas Flowers

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Rejoice in the Lord always

“The apostle tells us to rejoice, but in the Lord, not in the world... that is, rejoice in the truth, not in iniquity; rejoice in the hope of eternity, not in the flower of vanity. So rejoice; wherever you are, however long you are here, the Lord is at hand, do not be anxious.” (St Augustine)



1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

Response: **Sing and shout for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Christmas collection for the homeless

Thank you for the donations of food and clothing for the homeless, which are being distributed to the Gatehouse, the Porch, and the Oxford Winter Night Shelter.

First Holy Communions 2019: Applications Deadline

The deadline for applications is **this Sunday, 16 December**. Application forms are available at the back of church. Preparation classes will begin in the New Year.

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.

Tuesday 18 December: Bible Study

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. This week we'll be looking at chapters 3 and 4 of the Acts of the Apostles.

Wednesday 19 December: Dedication of the Church

In 1967, following the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, the sanctuary of our church of St Edmund and St Frideswide was remodelled. The new altar was consecrated on 19 December, and so we keep this date as the Feast of the Dedication of the Church, there not having been a consecration when the church was first built.

Friday 21 December: Holy Rosary

Every Friday evening we pray the Holy Rosary in the church at 7pm. All are welcome.

Looking ahead:

Be reconciled to God

To help your preparation for Christmas, extra time is being allocated for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions next Saturday are 11am–12 noon and 5.30pm–6.25pm, and there will also be confessions 11am–12 noon on Christmas Eve. If these times are not convenient for you, feel free to phone for an appointment or even just turn up to the Friary and ask if a priest is available to hear your confession.

Sunday 23 December: A Service of Lessons and Carols

On the Sunday before Christmas at 3pm, the Greyfriars Choir, under the direction of John Brennan, will lead a service of lessons and carols in the church. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

See <https://greyfriarsoxford.weebly.com/weekly-newsletter.html> or the separate insert for times of Masses, confessions, and other services at Christmas time.

Christmas Vigil Mass for Children and their Families

As in previous years, we are inviting children to take part in a short Nativity at the 6pm

Mass on Christmas Eve, which is the first Mass of Christmas. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of church for children who would like to play a role. There will be a rehearsal at 10am next Sunday, 23 December.



Vacancy for Deputy Headteacher at St Joseph's Primary School

St Joseph's is a thriving, well-respected Catholic primary school located in a popular residential area of Oxford. The Governors are seeking to appoint a practising Catholic Deputy Head with a clear vision and a strong commitment to the Catholic ethos and needs of a high-achieving school in a 21st-century setting. Please see the notice in the church porch for more details or follow this link to the school website: <https://www.st-josephs-pri.oxon.sch.uk/teacher-vacancies>.

St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School: Admissions open for September 2019

The school invites parents to come and see their outstanding Nursery setting and Early Years provision. To arrange a visit please email coralreefsgp@dbmac.org.uk or call 01865 749933 ext. 263.

Looking further ahead:

Weddings 2019

If you are planning to get married in 2019, you should contact Br. Paul as soon as possible to make the necessary arrangements. The Diocese requires at least six months' notice, which is essential in cases where the marriage is taking place abroad, when a good deal of administrative work has to be completed. Marriage preparation is also required, whether or not both partners are Catholic.



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. This week we are serving mince pies.



Holy Communion for the housebound

Please let Br. Paul know if you or a loved one cannot attend Mass, and he will arrange Holy Communion at home.