

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Sunday 30 December 2018: Feast of the Holy Family (Year C)**

6.30pm (Saturday) Donor's intentions  
9.00am Alan Inseal RIP  
11.00am Parishioners  
5.30pm Br Ade's intentions

**Monday 31 December**

10.00am Friars & Benefactors

**Tuesday 1 January *Mary, Mother of God***

10.00am Kathleen McCarthy's int.

**Wednesday 2 January *St Basil & St Gregory***

7.30am *Nazianzen* Kieran Hughes

**Thursday 3 January *Holy Name of Jesus***

7.30am Vocations

**Friday 4 January**

7.30am Holy Souls  
7.30pm *In honour of the Sacred Heart*

**Saturday 5 January**

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:**

Peter Gough, Christina Hogan, Julia Riordan, Patrick Brennan, Jones, Teresia James, Kyan Elliot, Joanne Rainer, Catherine Walsh, Elizabeth Warwick & John McGarron.

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

### COLLECTIONS:

***No Second Collection this week***

**Last week's collections will be published next week**

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### **Nobody noticed**

It is a remarkable fact that the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph seems to have lived an unremarkable life. When Jesus started His ministry of preaching and healing, the people in Nazareth were surprised and could not accept it. The Son of God, the Creator of the universe, had lived in their town for thirty years, and nobody had noticed.

Do we fail to notice the presence of God in our communities?



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28

Response: **O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

**Entrance Antiphon:** The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

## Thank you!

The friars are very grateful for your generosity in the Christmas collection and for the many cards and gifts they have received.

### *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 31 December: New Year's Eve party and prayers**

As an alternative to the usual parties, why not come to church to give thanks for the year just gone and to pray for the year just beginning? We begin with a small party in the hall at 10.30pm, before moving into the church for prayers and hymns leading up to midnight and the beginning of the New Year.

#### **Tuesday 1 January: Mary, Mother of God**

As we celebrate the fact that the Divine Son became one of us, we can also celebrate a logical corollary, which is that Mary of Nazareth, a mere creature, becomes the Mother of God.

#### **Wednesday 2 January: St Basil & St Gregory Nazianzen**

These two theologians of the early Church were very close friends, and so we celebrate them together.

#### **Thursday 3 January: The Holy Name of Jesus**

Originally celebrated on 1 January, the day of Jesus' circumcision, this feast celebrates the name by which God is made visible and knowable. "To holy people the very name of Jesus is a name to feed upon, a name to transport. His name can raise the dead and transfigure and beautify the living." (Blessed John Henry Newman)

#### **Friday 4 December: Rosary followed by Mass of the Sacred Heart**

Every Friday evening we pray the Holy Rosary in the church at 7pm. This Friday it is followed at 7.30pm by Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with prayers for healing.



### *Looking ahead:*

#### **Oxford Winter Night Shelter**

This year our church is joining the Oxford Winter Night Shelter (OWNS). Every night during January, February, and March, two church halls will be available for 10 rough sleepers. On Tuesday nights our own hall will be one of those venues, beginning 8 January. Trained volunteers will supervise throughout the night and also provide a light supper and a breakfast.

To help the homeless have a good sleep, we are seeking donations of blankets, pillows, pillow cases, sleeping bags, and hand towels, (these do not need to be new

but clean and serviceable). And if you are interested in being a volunteer with OWNS, please see their website: <https://www.ownsoxford.org.uk/volunteers>

#### **First Holy Communions 2019**

Preparation classes will start on Sunday 13 January at 10am. Those who have signed up will be contacted and given more information shortly.

#### **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 Archdiocese requires 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.



#### **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 21<sup>st</sup>-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](mailto:coralreefsgp@dbmac.org.uk) or call 01865 749933 ext. 263.



#### **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 to meet friends and make new ones.



#### **Used Christmas cards**

When the festive season is over, please consider donating the Christmas cards you have received to be recycled for charity. There will be a box in the porch from next week.