

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 20 January 2019: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

6.30pm (Saturday)

9.00am

11.00am

5.30pm

Mary Considine RIP

Unity of Christians

Br Ade's intentions

Parishioners

Monday 21 January *St Agnes*

7.30am

Friars & Benefactors

Tuesday 22 January

7.30am

Mary McDonagh RIP

Wednesday 23 January

7.30am

Wedding Anniversary: Anthony

Newton Rodrigues & Clara Fernandes

Thursday 24 January *St Francis de*

7.30am

Sales

Kieran Hughes

Friday 25 January *Conversion of*

7.30am

St Paul

Capuchin Missionary Association

Saturday 26 January *St Timothy &*

8.00am

St Titus

Holy Souls

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:

Brigid Lodowski, John Slattery, Frank McGubbin, Scanlan, Mary Diddams, Catherine McHugh, Des Farrell & William Brown.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No Second Collection this week or next week

Last week's collection:

Offertory £574.09 + *Gift-aided* £142.00

Fr Hudson's Christmas Crib Offerings £76.74

Gift-aided donations by standing order for December 2018: £890

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Water into wine

Wherever the Catholic sun doth shine,
There's always laughter and good red wine.
At least I've always found it so.
Benedicamus Domino!

— Hilaire Belloc



1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Response: **Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.**

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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Friday 18 - Friday 25 January: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Every year Christians throughout the world make a united effort to pray for full unity, to pray that the divisions between us will be healed. The theme this year is from Deuteronomy 16:18-20: “Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue...” Resources for prayer and reflection can be accessed on the Churches Together website: <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-resources>.

Unfortunately, this year there is no local ecumenical event to mark Christian Unity Week. Ecumenical efforts in our neighbourhood continue, however, and are currently focussing on opportunities for shared outreach (e.g. the Good Friday Stations of the Cross and the Cowley Road Carnival).

This Sunday is Peace Sunday

1 January is the World Day of Prayer for Peace, but we revisit the subject on the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The theme of the Pope’s message this year is, “Good politics at the service of peace”, and the full text is available at <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/world-day-of-peace-2019>.

This week:

Church Cleaning:

Groups of dedicated volunteers keep the church clean and tidy. This week is the turn of Group C: Margaret Madden & family, & Michael. Thank you.

Monday 21 January: St Agnes

Agnes died a martyr’s death in Rome at about the age of 12 or 13. Her refusal to marry pagan suitors prompted them to expose her Christian identity to the authorities.

Thursday 24 January: St Francis de Sales

A priest and then bishop of Geneva at a time when the city was governed by the Calvinists, Francis de Sales won many people over by his gentleness and perseverance. He encouraged everyone to become holy, whatever their state of life.

Friday 25 January: Conversion of St Paul

Saul is on his way to Damascus in his persecution of Christians, when he is thrown to the ground by an overwhelming experience of Jesus, and eventually he becomes the Apostle Paul, a tireless missionary for the Gospel message.

Also on Friday 25 January: Holy Rosary

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

Also on Friday 25 January: Burns Night Quiz (7pm)

St Gregory the Great Catholic School is going Scottish by celebrating the birthday of Robbie Burns, a great poet of Scotland. The event is hosted by the PTA (Parent Teachers Association) and FOSG (Friends of St Gregory’s). Entrance fee £2.

Saturday 26 January: St Timothy & St Titus

They were disciples of St Paul, who put them in charge of the new Christian

communities in Ephesus and Crete respectively. Three of St Paul’s letters are addressed to them.

26–27 January: ‘Mission @ Home’ Weekend

BCYS and the Companions of the Order of Malta invite young adults (18–35) to host afternoon tea and a classical recital for homeless guests on Saturday 26 January. Meet at 11.30am, St. Giles’ CofE Parish Hall (OX2 6HT). On the evening of Sunday 27th, Mission @ Home projects from across the Diocese come together for Mass, the Pope’s homily, and food. Return transport to Mass provided. Call 07462 915 810 or email stephen.harris@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk for more info.

Starting next Sunday, 27 January: Alpha Course

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. They will be held in the church hall at 10am on Sundays, between the 9am and 11am Masses. All are welcome—why not bring a friend?

Looking further ahead:

Friday 15 – Sunday 17 Feb: Vocations Weekend for young women

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more, have a look at the poster on our noticeboard or visit www.fcjsisters.org.



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 in the porch. May the Lord bless you and your family.

Getting the Elderly to Mass

There are some people in our parish who are prevented by infirmity from coming to church, but could manage it if they had transport. If you have a suitable vehicle and would be willing to take someone to Mass with you on Sundays, please speak to Br Paul or contact the parish office.

Marriage Care

If you are facing a stressful time in your relationship, Marriage Care can help. We are a faith-based charity which draws on its Catholic tradition and contemporary research to help couples in both good times and bad. Whether you are feeling things just aren’t quite right or whether you are encountering serious difficulties, our professionally trained volunteer relationship counsellors are here to listen and to support you towards a positive outcome. You will never be turned away because you cannot afford to give very much but we do ask all our clients to make a donation at the start of each session and pay an initial registration fee of £10 to secure a place on the waiting list. Call us on 0800 389 3801 or for more information visit www.marriagecare.org.uk