

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 27 January 2019: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

6.30pm (Saturday) Jimmy & Geraldine O'Leary & family
9.00am Parishioners
11.00am Catherine Godfrey RIP
5.30pm Secular Franciscans

Monday 28 January *St Thomas Aquinas*

7.30am Friars & Benefactors

Tuesday 29 January

7.30am Pereira family intentions

Wednesday 30 January *St Hyacinth Mariscotti*

7.30am Pious Union

Thursday 31 January *St John Bosco*

7.30am Kieran Hughes

Friday 1 February

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

Saturday 2 February *Presentation of the Lord*

8.00am Aida Maria dos Santos 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:

Catherine Godfrey, Kitty McFarland, Margaret Lindsley, Martin O'Donnell, Nora Cronin, Margaret Fry, Andrew Valentine Sheehy, Darren Berry, Patrick O'Callaghan, Jacob Lennon & Giuseppina Wilkins.

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 £591.00 + Gift-aided £147.00

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Bad News, Good News

The Son of God did not come to bring us bad news. As a human race, we are more than capable of making our own bad news. The TV, the internet, the radio and the papers are full of it. But Jesus came to bring us good news—or, rather, Good News. And He doesn't just bring the Good News. He also makes it happen by doing good and undoing evil. He is the Good News against all the bad.



1st Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10

Response: **Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.**

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Starting today, Sunday 27 January: Alpha Course

In this New Year, we offer a new beginning for your faith. 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?

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 28 January: St Thomas Aquinas

Like many another theologian, this Dominican friar was controversial in his own day—particularly because he based a lot of his philosophy on Aristotle instead of Plato. But his theology became hugely influential for the Catholic Church for over 700 years.

Tuesday 29 January: Bible Study

The Bible Study group meets in the Friary (182 Iffley Rd) at 7.15pm (note the slightly earlier time) to continue exploring the Acts of the Apostles. No previous knowledge is required, but please read chapters 8 and 9 of Acts before the meeting.

Wednesday 30 January: St Hyacinth Mariscotti

This noblewoman joined the Third Order Franciscans, but at first lived quite a luxurious life in the convent. After a change of heart, she became known for her severe penances and for her care of the sick.

Thursday 31 January: St John Bosco

Popularly known as ‘Don Bosco’, this priest dedicated his life to helping deprived youth and founded the Salesians. “Walk with your feet on earth,” he said, “but with your heart in heaven.”

Also on Thursday 31 January: Taizé Prayer

On the last Thursday of each month you are invited to attend a Taizé prayer service at 7.30pm in the Friary Chapel. Taizé-style worship centres on singing simple chants, along with prayer and readings from Scripture.

Friday 1 February: Holy Rosary, followed by First Friday Mass

Every Friday evening we pray the Holy Rosary in the church at 7pm. All are welcome. On this first Friday of the month it is followed by a Mass of the Sacred Heart and prayers for healing.

Saturday 2 February: The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)

Forty days after His birth, Jesus was consecrated to God at the Temple. The old prophet Simeon took Him in his arms and thanked God for “a light to enlighten the Gentiles”. This theme of light is taken up when we process into Mass with candles—hence the popular name of the feast: Candlemas.

Looking ahead:

Next Sunday, 3 February: Blessing of Throats

On this date it is traditional to give the ‘Blessing of St Blaise’. The blessing is a prayer to be protected from diseases of the throat and any other evils. A priest blesses the throat by touching it with two candles from the previous day (Candlemas). This blessing will be available after the 9am, 11am, and 5.30pm Masses.



Oxford Winter Night Shelter

This year our church hall is one of the venues for the Oxford Winter Night Shelter (OWNS). On Tuesday nights it is available for 10 rough sleepers, although so far the numbers have been less than that. Thanks to all who donated bedding or other items: we are well supplied and don’t need anything more for now—apart from your prayers.



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.

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.

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.

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.