

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 3 February 2019: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Edward Keane RIP
9.00am	Parishioners
11.00am	Julia Ferreira da Silva Barbosa
5.30pm	Jose M. M. Madeira RIP

Monday 4 February *St Joseph of Leonessa*

7.30am Br Ade's intentions

Tuesday 5 February *St Agatha*

7.30am Peggy Molloy RIP

Wednesday 6 February *Sts Peter Baptist, Paul* Capuchin

7.30am *Miki & Companions* Missionary Association

Thursday 7 February *St Colette of Corbie*

7.30am Friars & Benefactors

Friday 8 February *St Josephine Bakhita*

7.30am Holy Souls

Saturday 9 February Angela Dacunha (good health);

8.00am Ruth & Joel Dacunha 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:

Mikolaj Bandrowski, Ellen Merry, John Kennedy, Mary Taylor, Kristian O'Farrell, Patrick O'Mahoney, Hugh McKenna, Michael Gilboy, Daniel McCarthy, Domenico Rosato, Ruby Cross & Bruno Nowak.

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 £657.43 + Gift-aided £113.00

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What love is (and what it's not)

This week's second reading is one of the most famous passages of the Bible. It is even quoted favourably by people who don't believe in God. But its very familiarity can mean it escapes our attention. It is worth listening to carefully, as if for the first time. St Paul provides us with a definition of love that is very attractive and yet profoundly challenging.



1st Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19

Response: **My lips will tell of your help.**

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Entrance Antiphon: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; No one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Today, 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.

Continuing today, Sunday 3 February: Alpha Course

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. They are in the church hall at 10am on Sundays, between the 9am and 11am Masses. If you missed the first session last week, don't worry: you can pick up this week, when the question is, "Who is Jesus?"

This week:

Church Cleaning:

Groups of dedicated volunteers keep the church clean and tidy. This week is the turn of Group A: Mary Joyce & family. Thank you.

Monday 4 February: St Joseph of Leonessa

Joseph was a Capuchin friar and priest who was imprisoned and tortured when ministering in Istanbul. He escaped and came to Italy, where he preached to the poor and reconciled feuding families and warring cities.

Tuesday 5 February: St Agatha

Agatha was a native of Sicily and was martyred there at about the age of 20, after sexual assault and torture had failed to break her commitment to Jesus.

Wednesday 6 February: St Peter Baptist, St Paul Miki, and Companions

Japan had initially welcomed Christian missionaries, but then turned against the faith amidst fears of European colonialism. Twenty Japanese Christians and six missionaries were crucified in Nagasaki in 1597.

Thursday 7 February: St Colette of Corbie

Colette was a hermit at first, but then God called her to join the Poor Clares. She was instrumental in reforming the Order, and indeed a branch of the Order—the Poor Clare Colettines—is named after her.

Thursday 7 & Friday 8 February: Divine Renovation conference

Catholics from around the country will be gathering in West Bromwich for a two-day conference on parish renewal. Br. Paul and two parishioners will be attending to learn about how to adapt our parish to the needs of Christian disciples in the modern world. You can read about it on the website: www.divinerenovationuk.org.

Friday 8 February: St Josephine Bakhita

Kidnapped from her home in Sudan and sold into slavery at the age of 9, Bakhita received so much abuse that she ended up with 144 scars on her body. Eventually,

however, she was entrusted to the Canossian Sisters of the Institute of the Catechumens in Venice. It was there that Bakhita came to know about God, whom 'she had experienced in her heart without knowing who He was' since she was a child. Taking the name Josephine, she joined the sisters and spent the next fifty years of her life witnessing to God's love through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and attending to the door. She was a source of encouragement to many and her constant smile won people's hearts.

She is the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking, and the people that volunteer and work to eradicate this crime. Please take a prayer card home with you.

Also on Friday 8 February: Holy Rosary

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

Looking ahead:

15–17 February: 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.

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Oxford Winter Night Shelter

This year our church hall is one of the venues for the Oxford Winter Night Shelter (OWNS). On Tuesday nights up to ten homeless people get a warm night's sleep in there, and volunteers serve them both supper and breakfast. If you want to volunteer yourself, you can do so on the OWNS website: www.ownsoxford.org.uk.

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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.

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.