

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Sunday 24 February 2019: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**

6.30pm (Saturday)	Intentions of Bernadette & Rosheen
9.00am	Parishioners
11.00am	Mary Brolly RIP
5.30pm	Secular Franciscan Order

**Monday 25 February**

7.30am	Friars & Benefactors
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**Tuesday 26 February**

7.30am	Pious Union
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**Wednesday 27 February**

7.30am	Br. Antony's intentions
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**Thursday 28 February**

7.30am	Arthur van Cuylenburg
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**Friday 1 March**                      *St David*

7.30am	Ruari Nichols RIP
7.30pm	<i>In honour of the Sacred Heart</i>

**Saturday 2 March**                      *St Chad*

8.00am	Colin Hayes & other intentions
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**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:**

Antonia Soave, William Hawkes, William O'Brien, Mary Brolly, Joseph McEntee, Mary Neal, Thomas Hanton, John Brown, Denis O'Shea, O'Donnell, Sarah Keating & John Moore.

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

### COLLECTIONS:

**No Second Collection this week. Next week: Cathedral Maintenance**

**Last week's collection:**

<i>Offertory</i>	£550.49	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£134.00
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**Be compassionate  
as your Father is compassionate**

“The Bible tells us to love our neighbours, and also to love our enemies; probably because they are generally the same people.”

- G. K. Chesterton



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23

Response: **The Lord is compassion and love.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49

Gospel: Luke 6: 6:27-38

**Entrance Antiphon:** O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

## **Continuing today, Sunday 24 February: Alpha Course**

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basic questions about the Christian faith. They are in the church hall at 10am on Sundays, between the 9am and 11am Masses. This week, the question is, “Why and how do I pray?”

### *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.

#### **Tuesday 26 February: Bible Study**

The Bible Study Group meets on Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Friary (182 Iffley Rd). Please read beforehand chapters 10 & 11 of the Acts of the Apostles. The Group provides a place to unfold Scripture: you are welcome to attend, whatever your knowledge of the Bible.

#### **Thursday 28 February: Taizé Prayer**

You are invited to attend a Taizé prayer service at 7.30pm in the Friary Chapel. Taizé-style worship centres on singing, prayer, and readings from Scripture. Brother Alois from Taizé wrote: ‘The exchange with God becomes real for us in prayer; by his Holy Spirit God comes to dwell with us. By his Word and by the Sacraments, Christ gives himself to us. In return, we can surrender everything to him.’

#### **Friday 1 March: St David**

A Welsh monk who became bishop of Mynwy (now called St Davids) during the sixth century, David is the patron saint of Wales.

#### **Also on Friday 1 March: Holy Rosary, followed by First Friday Mass**

Every Friday evening we pray the Holy Rosary in the church at 7pm. This Friday it is followed at 7.30pm by the monthly Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart, which includes prayers for healing. All are welcome.

#### **Saturday 2 March: St Chad**

St Bede tells us that Chad, along with his elder brothers, was a pupil of St Aidan at his Lindisfarne school. He was Bishop of York for a while, but gave it up to found a monastery at Lichfield. He is patron saint of our Birmingham Archdiocese.

### *Looking ahead:*

#### **Monday 4 March: Funeral of Ann Leonard**

Ann was a regular in this parish until she moved into sheltered accommodation a few years ago. She died on 3 February and her funeral service will be here in Greyfriars Church at 11am on 4 March.

## **Mary’s Meals: Double The Love**

Give before 1 March 2019, and the UK government will match public donations to Double The Love, up to £2 million. Mary’s Meals is now reaching 1,425,013 children in 18 countries with a nutritious daily school meal. A donation of £139 has been made from the parish funds; but if you would like to add your own personal donation, you can donate online at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove>, or see the poster at the back of church for other ways to donate.

### **‘Walk with Me’ booklets**

Featuring brief prayers and a reflection on the Gospel for each day, the ‘Walk with Me’ booklets are a good aid to daily prayer. The booklets for Lent are now available in the porch. They cost £1 each (please pay in the CTS box); but feel free to take one even if you don’t have the money.



## **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.

### **Gift Aid Envelopes for 2019–20 now available**

Regular Gift Aid donors may pick up their envelopes from the servers’ sacristy after Mass. Anyone else who needs an envelope should contact the Gift Aid organiser, James Martin, on [edward854@edward854.plus.com](mailto:edward854@edward854.plus.com) or by telephone (01865) 790065.

### **Volunteer Opportunity \*New session coaches needed\***

KEEN Oxford are looking for new volunteer session coaches in Oxford. The organization supports children and adults with a physical or learning disability, and/or special need. They run a number of sessions including sports and performing arts throughout the week, including weekends at various times along with social events for the volunteers, trips and opportunities to learn new skills, meet new people and take part in training.

KEEN are completely flexible with what volunteers can offer and grateful for any time you can contribute. You can sign up as and when you have the time. You do not need any qualifications or experience, just the enthusiasm and energy to make it enjoyable for the participants! Please see the website for full information on KEEN along with other possible ways in which you can support them: <https://www.keenoxford.org/>.