

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 3 March 2019: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

6.30pm (Saturday) Michael Keane RIP
9.00am Ann Leonard RIP
11.00am Parishioners
5.30pm Tomboy & Angela Doherty & family

Monday 4 March St Casimir

7.30am Br. Lucjan's intentions
11.00am Ann Leonard requiem

Tuesday 5 March

7.30am Friars & Benefactors

Wednesday 6 March Ash Wednesday

7.30am Ruth & Joel Dacunha RIP
7.30pm Charlie & Lizzie & family

Thursday 7 March

7.30am Patricia Simon

Friday 8 March

7.30am Vocations

Saturday 9 March

8.00am Br. Ambrose's intentions

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:

James Walshe, Norah Tobin, Thomas Jordan, Louisa Waite, Peter Thorne, Vera Mary Sheridan, Monica Hackett, Conchita Connell, Jane Harraway, Henry Parr, John Riordan, Brenda Thorpe, Edith Butt, Ellen Waite & Harold Hancock.

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

COLLECTIONS:

Second Collection this week: Cathedral Maintenance

Last week's collection:

Offertory £577.81 + Gift-aided £96.00

No second collection next week

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Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.



1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8

Response: **It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.**

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

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

Communion Antiphon: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

Continuing today, Sunday 3 March: 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 should I read the Bible?”

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 March: St Casimir

He was the son of King Casimir IV and Queen Elizabeth, monarchs of Poland and Lithuania. In contrast to other members of the royal court, he was a shining example of faith, piety, humility, and chastity. He is patron saint of Poland.

Also on Monday 4 March: Funeral of Ann Leonard

One of the Nazareth House girls, 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.

Also on Monday 4 March: Legion of Mary

At 7.30pm every Monday, a group of people gather to pray and to organise works of mercy. Along with thousands of others around the world, they place themselves under the leadership and protection of Mary, the Mother of God – hence their name, ‘The Legion of Mary’. If you would like to join a meeting and find out more, come to the Friary front door (182 Iffley Road).

Wednesday 6 March: Ash Wednesday—the beginning of Lent

The ancient tradition of receiving ashes on our foreheads continues to speak to us. It is a reminder of our mortality and our lowliness, and it is a sign of our intention to change our lives for the better in the run-up to renewing our baptismal promises at Easter. Ashes will be distributed during Mass in the church at 7.30am and 7.30pm.

Friday 8 March: Holy Rosary, followed by Stations of the Cross

Every Friday evening we pray the Holy Rosary in the church at 7pm. All are welcome. And on most Fridays in Lent we will also commemorate the sufferings and death of Jesus with the prayers and reflections of the Stations of the Cross, at 7.30pm.

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Fair Trade Fortnight: Monday 25 February to Sunday 10 March

This annual event helps us to be aware of where our food comes from and the people who produce it. Please consider buying Fairtrade tea, coffee, sugar, chocolate, and bananas to ensure that the growers and pickers are paid a fair amount for their work. It doesn't cost much more but makes a big difference to the producers. This week to

mark Fair Trade Fortnight the guests sleeping in our Church Hall as part of the Oxford Winter Night Shelter will be served a breakfast made with Fairly Traded goods.

Saturday 23rd March: ‘Every Life Matters’—a talk by Life Charity

This talk will be in The Grimshaw Room, St Chad’s Cathedral B4 6EY, arrivals from 10.30am. Cost: suggested donation of £5 (all monies will be given to Life Charity). For more info call 0121 475 1227 / 07767 457625.

‘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.

40acts

A different way of going through Lent, 40acts is an online Christian initiative about living generously and having an impact on the people around you. If you sign up you get a daily email with a reflection and 3 suggested acts of generosity, at different levels of difficulty: <https://40acts.org.uk/>

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: <https://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.

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.

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, along with social events for the volunteers, trips and opportunities to learn new skills, meet new people and take part in training. Please see the website for full information: <https://www.keenoxford.org/>.