

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 10 March 2019: 1st Sunday of Lent (Year C)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Sylvia Collins's intentions
9.00am	Paul Gettings RIP
11.00am	Holy Souls
5.30pm	Parishioners

Monday 11 March

7.30am	Friars & Benefactors
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Tuesday 12 March

7.30am	<i>In honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
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Wednesday 13 March

7.30am	Patrick Downes RIP
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Thursday 14 March

7.30am	Capuchin Missionary Association
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Friday 15 March

7.30am	Kieran Hughes
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Saturday 16 March

8.00am	Br. Loarne's 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:

Elsie Fisher, Margaret Trinder, Philip Cauchard, Harris Henry Sunder, Constance Milmore, Mary Connell, Michael Creedon, John Campbell & Florence Barrett.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No second collection this week

Last week's collections:

<i>Offertory</i>	£ 511.75	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£90.00
<i>Cathedral Maintenance</i>	£ 187.83	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£33.00

Second collection next week: Family Fast Day

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The Call of the Desert

The Bible begins in a garden and ends in a city, but in between the story often passes through the desert. The people of Israel spent forty formative years in the wilderness, while individuals such as Elijah, John the Baptist, Paul, and of course Jesus Himself went into the desert to encounter God. We all need to find our own 'desert' for this personal meeting with God—a place with minimal distractions and where we can be aware of our neediness.



1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Response: **Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.**

2nd Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Entrance Antiphon: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Communion Antiphon: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Today, Sunday 10 March: Rite of Election

On the First Sunday of Lent, it is traditional for the Church to officially 'elect' those people who will be baptised or received into the Church at Easter. In the presence of the bishop (or his delegate), they inscribe their names in the Book of the Elect at the cathedral as a pledge of fidelity. This year, at St Chad's Cathedral, one such name will be Nigel Anthony Cunningham—a member of our parish who is preparing for reception into the Catholic Church.

Continuing today, Sunday 10 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, "How does God guide us?"

This week:

Church Cleaning:

Groups of dedicated volunteers keep the church clean and tidy. This week is the turn of Group B: Sam and John. Thank you.

Monday 11 March: Legion of Mary

The local group of the Legion of Mary meets at 7.30pm every Monday. They gather to pray the Rosary, to reflect on Christian life devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and to organise works of mercy. If you would like to join a meeting and find out more, come to the Friary front door (182 Iffley Road).

Tuesday 12 March: Bible Study

The Bible Study group meets in the Friary at 7.15pm (note the slightly earlier time) to continue exploring the Acts of the Apostles. No previous knowledge is required, but please read Chapter 12 of Acts before the meeting.

Friday 15 March: Family Fast Day

The first Family Fast Day took place on 11 March 1960, when a group of Catholic women came together to raise funds for a mother and baby clinic in Dominica. They did this by eating a simple meal together, asking others to do the same, and then donating what they had saved. It was from this very first Family Fast Day that CAFOD was born. This year, CAFOD asks us to save money by eating simply on Friday 15 March, donating what we save to help people in Bangladesh. Your donations will be collected next Sunday, 17 March.

Also Friday 15 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. 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.

Saturday 16 March: Secular Franciscan Order

The next meeting of the Secular Franciscan Order (OFS) will take place on Saturday

at 2.15pm in Greyfriars Friary for devotions and continued reflections on the Beatitudes: 'The Constitutional Charter of Christianity - the secret code of the Bible and of life' (from Fr. Fernando Ventura OFM Cap.). All welcome.

Looking ahead:

Sunday 17 March: St Patrick's Day

We invite the parish to join us in celebrating St Patrick's Day on Sunday 17 March after the 11am Mass. To a background of Irish music, there will be refreshments plus a cake and book sale. And if you want to show off your Irish dancing, you'll be welcome! We hope you can join us. All proceeds will go towards the renovation of the church hall. (As you may be aware, the planning application has been submitted to the council.)

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.

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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.

Weekday Mass

Morning Mass is celebrated on every weekday (Monday–Friday at 7.30am & Saturday at 8am) in the Friary Chapel. For morning Mass, please enter via the main door of the Friary at 182 Iffley Road. Once in the porch, follow the sign to the Chapel.

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Br. Raymund Hewlett RIP

On Thursday 7 March the friars received the sad news that Br Raymund had died earlier that morning. At 97 years, he was the oldest Capuchin brother in Britain and had been in nursing care for several years. He was guardian of our Oxford fraternity from 1999 to 2002. Please pray for the repose of his soul.