

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 31 March 2019: 4th Sunday of Lent (Year C)

6.30pm (Saturday)	John O'Donoghue
9.00am	Parishioners
11.00am	Holy Souls
5.30pm	Manuel Ximenes RIP

Monday 1 April

7.30am	Friars & Benefactors
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Tuesday 2 April

7.30am	Noel Quinn RIP
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Wednesday 3 April

7.30am	Vocations
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Thursday 4 April

7.30am	Br. Ade's intentions
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Friday 5 April

7.30am	Kieran Hughes
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Saturday 6 April

8.00am	Br. Ambrose'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:

Harold Pearce, John Purcell, Patrick McCormack, Maida Humphreys, Anthony Hughes, Bridget Pope, William Hanley, Julia Smith, Aldridge Banham & Terence Monaghan.

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

COLLECTIONS:

Second collection today: Aid to the Church in Need

Last week's collections:

<i>Offertory</i>	£316.93	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£81.00
<i>More from Family Fast Day</i>	£20.00	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	n/a

No second collection next week.

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Mothering Sunday

The medieval origins of this day focussed more on one's 'mother church' – which meant either the cathedral or, more commonly, the church where you had been baptised. But visiting your home church usually also meant an opportunity to visit your family, and the focus slowly switched to earthly mothers rather than our heavenly mother. Both are important, of course, and we celebrate both.



Using the option of the Year A readings etc.:

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13

Response: **The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.**

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

Friary News:

This week Br. Charles will be starting chemotherapy for lung cancer. Please remember him in your prayers.

Second collection this weekend: Aid to the Church in Need

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) helps persecuted and oppressed Christians throughout the world. A representative will be speaking at all Sunday Masses, and then the second collection will be for donations to this cause.

Continuing today, Sunday 31 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, “Does God Heal Today?”

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 1 April: Legion of Mary

At 7.30pm every Monday, the local branch of the Legion of Mary gathers to pray and to organise works of mercy. If you would like to join a meeting and find out more, come to the door of the sacristy (at the side of the church).

Friday 5 April: Holy Rosary, Stations of the Cross, and First Friday Mass

Every Friday evening we pray the Holy Rosary in the church at 7pm. During Lent this is followed by the prayers and reflections of the Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm. Finally, because it’s the First Friday of the month, there will be Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart at about 8.15pm.

Looking ahead:

Oxford City-Wide Mission 2020

During the three weeks of 25 May – 14 June 2020, the Catholic churches of Oxford will be reaching out to those who do not know the Gospel of Jesus Christ and seeking to welcome them into our parishes and other communities. Prayer cards are now available at the back of church – please take one. Further details about the Mission will follow after Easter.

The Real Easter Egg

Out of the 80 million chocolate Easter eggs sold each year, ‘The Real Easter Egg’ is the only Fairtrade one with the Easter story in the box. You can order online or find out where to buy them by following this link: www.realeasteregg.co.uk.



Cyclone Idai

A cyclone swept through Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe recently, leaving behind a trail of destruction. Hundreds have been killed and 2.6 million are affected. The Disasters Emergency Committee, an umbrella organisation of 14 UK-based aid organisations, is raising money to help all these people. You can donate here: <https://www.dec.org.uk/>.



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.

Holy Communion for the Housebound

Often, as we get older, we are not always able to attend Mass and need to receive the Sacrament at home. The priest or a eucharistic minister normally takes Holy Communion to the housebound at times when it is convenient. Please let Br. Paul know if you or a loved one cannot attend Mass, and he will arrange Holy Communion at home.

Gift Aid Scheme

As a member of this parish, if you pay tax on income, be it in wages, salaries or pensions, it is easy to increase the value of your weekly parish donation to the collection at no additional cost to yourself. So, if you haven’t yet signed up for the Gift Aid envelopes, please consider the Gift Aid scheme. Contact James Martin at edward854@edward854.plus.com or collect a form from the back of the church.

NB. If you are already a member of the scheme, it is important that you notify James of any change of address. If we do not have accurate up-to-date records, the Revenue may withdraw from the parish the privilege of the Gift Aid scheme.



Diocesan Newsletter

Our parish community is part of the extended family that we call the Archdiocese of Birmingham (which in turn is part of the worldwide family that is the Catholic Church). A regular diocesan newsletter, containing information about past and future happenings in the Archdiocese, is available by email. Just sign up on the diocesan website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/News/Default.aspx>.