

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 7 April 2019: 5th Sunday of Lent (Year C)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Simon & Michael Doherty
9.00am	Elizabeth & Kieron J. Hughes
11.00am	Nelly Joyce RIP
5.30pm	Parishioners

Monday 8 April

7.30am	Friars & Benefactors
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Tuesday 9 April

7.30am	<i>In honour of St Anthony</i>
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Wednesday 10 April

7.30am	Pereira family intentions
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Thursday 11 April

7.30am	Kieran Hughes
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Friday 12 April

7.30am	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
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Saturday 13 April

8.00am	Helen Kelly RIP
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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:

Dorothy Gale, Ejeoma Ugwu, Anthony Edmund Hughes, Thomas McGloine, Mary Rea, Patrick Connell, Margaret Zelly, John Madden, Vincent Tighe, Joseph Morrissey, Fernando Arroyave, Catherine Caroline Hogan, Ellen Carney, William John Charlesworth, Ivy Guilfoyle & Roland Badcock.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No second collection today

Last week's collections:

<i>Offertory</i>	£553.71	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£111.00
<i>Aid to the Church in Need</i>	£730.00	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	n/a

No second collection next week

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Throwing the First Stone

When the Pharisees asked Jesus whether they should follow the Law by stoning an adulterous woman to death, He replied, "If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone".

According to this criterion, there was someone there who could have thrown the first stone. The Pharisees went away, quietly admitting to their sins. Jesus was sinless, however, so by His own measure He could have thrown the first stone Himself. But He chose not to.

Insofar as we are sinners, we have no right to condemn others. Insofar as we are good, we don't want to condemn them.



1st Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Response: **What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.**

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Now, now—it is the Lord who speaks—come back to me with all your heart, for I am all tenderness and compassion. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Communion Antiphon: 'Has no one condemned you, woman?' 'No one, Lord.' 'Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.'

Aid to the Church in Need

Thanks to your generosity, last weekend's collection for *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN), which helps persecuted Christians throughout the world, raised £730.

Finishing today, Sunday 7 April: 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. In the final session, this week, the question is, "What about the Church?"

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 8 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).

Tuesday 9 April: Bible Study

The Bible Study group meets at 7.30pm in the Friary (182 Iffley Road), to continue exploring the Acts of the Apostles. No previous knowledge is required, but please read chapters 13 and 14 of Acts before the meeting.

Friday 12 April: 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.

Looking ahead:

Holy Week & Easter Services

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm on Holy Thursday, 18 April

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3pm on Good Friday, 19 April

Easter Vigil at 9pm on Holy Saturday, 20 April

Easter Sunday Masses at 9am, 11am, and 5.30pm on 21 April

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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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>.

Christus Vivit - the Pope's message to young people

Following on from the Synod in Rome back in October, Pope Francis has issued an 'Apostolic Exhortation' aimed at young people in the Church. The full text can be downloaded from here: <http://www.catholic-ew.org.uk/Home/News/Exhortation-Christus-Vivit>, and a summary is available here: <https://zenit.org/articles/christus-vivit-in-the-gospels-jesus-was-a-youth/>.