

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 28 April 2019: Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd of Easter, Year C)

6.30pm (Saturday) Jimmy & Geraldine's intentions
9.00am Parishioners
11.00am Manuel Ximenes RIP
5.30pm Secular Franciscan Order

Monday 29 April *St Catherine of Siena*

7.30am Friars & Benefactors

Tuesday 30 April *St George*

7.30am Elizabeth & Kieron J. Hughes

Wednesday 1 May *St Joseph the Worker*

7.30am Bridget White RIP

Thursday 2 May *St Athanasius*

7.30pm Holy Souls

Friday 3 May *St Philip & St James*

7.30am Kieran Hughes
7.30pm *In honour of the Sacred Heart*

Saturday 4 May *English Martyrs*

8.00am Fr Tom Davitt CM

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:

Mary Pearce, Mr O'Sullivan, Vera Ramsen, Elford Matthews, Bertram Peck, Michael Foley, Fr Mark Turnham Elvins OFM Cap, Patrick McDonagh, Jan Chlebrowski, Alice Hill, Elizabeth Ehrlich, Rose McCabe (Sr Stanislaw), Bridget Cummins, John Corley & Stuart Burden.

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

COLLECTIONS:

Second collection today: *The Holy Places*. (Despite the different date, Gift Aid donors may use the blue 'Holy Places' envelopes for this collection.)

Last week's collection:

Easter Offering for the Friars: £1785.97

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“Receive the Holy Spirit”



We often think of the Holy Spirit as coming at Pentecost. But in fact She is first given to the Apostles on the evening of Easter Sunday, as we hear in today's Gospel. This is a very gentle arrival, however, preparing the way for a more powerful outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost.



1st Reading: Acts 5:12-16

Response: **Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.**

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Thank you!

The friars are very grateful for your Easter offering—which came to £1785.97—and for the cards, cakes, chocolates, and other goodies that you gave us. Your generosity is a sign of God's goodness.



Sunday 28 April: Collection for the Holy Places

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Holy Places. Your donations will go to support the Franciscan Friars of the Holy Land, who look after many of the important sites associated with Jesus and the history of our salvation.

Also on Sunday 28 April: Divine Mercy Sunday

Starting at 3pm, there will be a Holy Hour with Divine Mercy devotions.

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 29 April: Legion of Mary

After a brief Easter break, weekly meetings on Mondays resume this evening at 7.30pm. The Legion of Mary is a small group of ordinary Catholics who gather 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 30 April: St George

This feast day has been transferred from last week, because the Easter Octave (the first eight days of Easter) took precedence over any other celebration.

Thursday 2 May: Alpha@Greyfriars

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment. Each session includes food, a short talk, and a discussion where you can share your thoughts. There's no pressure, no follow up, and no charge. We meet at 6.30pm in the church hall. <https://alpha.org.uk/tryalpha>.

Friday 3 May: Holy Rosary, followed by First Friday Mass

Every Friday evening we pray the Holy Rosary in the church at 7pm. All are welcome. On this first Friday of the month, a Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart follows at 7.30pm.

Looking ahead:

Saturday 11 May: March for Life UK

Starting at 2pm from Westminster Church House in London, the March for Life is to proclaim that life is from conception and there are no exceptions. Find out more at www.marchforlife.co.uk.

Also Saturday 11 May: Leadership in Catholic schools

The Birmingham Diocesan Education Service are offering a course on Saturday 11 May 2019 entitled 'A day for practising Catholics aspiring for a leadership role in our schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham'. Venue: Birmingham Diocesan Education Service, Don Bosco House, Coleshill. B46 3EA. Time: 8.30 am to 3.30 pm. Please book via the website: www.bdes.org.uk.

Tuesday 14 May: Parish groups and volunteers

If you are part of any parish group or if you assist in the parish in any way, you are invited to a gathering at 7pm on 14 May. The first part of the meeting will be a social, with a buffet meal, to thank you for what you do and to find out about what others do. In the second part we will look ahead to the coming year, with a particular focus on the Oxford City-wide Mission.

Saturday 18 May: 'The Gospel according to Francis'

The Secular Franciscan Order (OFS) will hold an Open Day of Recollection, at the Mornese Centre, Elmthorpe Convent, Oxford Road, Cowley OX4 2LF, 10:00 to 16:00. Br. Paul Coleman OFM Cap., will provide reflection around the theme 'The Gospel according to Francis'. All welcome - details on the church notice board. Further details: mamartin@live.co.uk.

Sunday 19 May: Br. Lucjan raising money for The Gatehouse

The Gatehouse is a café for homeless and other vulnerable people in the centre of Oxford. Our Br. Lucjan volunteers there once a week, and on 19 May will be taking part in Bike Oxford 2019 to raise funds for it. You can sponsor him here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/br-Lucjan-OFM-Cap>, or just pass him a donation in old-fashioned cash.

Wednesday 26 June: CAFOD action against climate change

Our climate is in crisis. The pace of change is too slow. It is time to say enough. On Wednesday 26 June thousands of us will gather outside Westminster to tell our MPs that climate change and environmental degradation must stop. Find out more here: <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/Climate-lobby>.



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.