

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

### Sunday 5 May 2019: 3rd Sunday of Easter (Year C)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Tom Lynch RIP
9.00am	Parishioners
11.00am	Domingos Fatima Freitas, Aborsi, & Skya RIP
5.30pm	Louise & Johnboy Collins

### Monday 6 May

7.30am	Friars & Benefactors
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### Tuesday 7 May

7.30am	Manuel Ximenes RIP
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### Wednesday 8 May

7.30am	Br Loarne's intentions
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### Thursday 9 May

7.30am	Monica Simmonds RIP
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### Friday 10 May

7.30am	Kieran Hughes
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### Saturday 11 May *St Ignatius of Laconi*

8.00am	Capuchin Missionary Association
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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:**

Stephanie St Jean, Julia O'Brien, Michael Dancer, Jacqueline Hicks, Thomas Millward, Ann Green, Kathleen Mary Coble, James Murphy, Ellen Madden, Kathleen Finn, John Hanrahan, John McTernan, Margaret Willoughby & Laurence Murphy.

*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>	£465.24	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£204.00
<i>The Holy Places</i>	£288.70	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£66.00

**Second collection next week: Clergy Training Fund**

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## Counting your fish

With attention to detail, John tells us that the miraculous catch in today's Gospel netted 153 fish. Various theories have been proposed about the symbolism of that number. But the primary thing it tells us is that one or more of the disciples went to the trouble of counting through their catch.

We're familiar with the phrase, 'counting your blessings', and in a literal sense the disciples did count the blessings that Jesus had given them. When we consider carefully the good things that God has done for us, it helps us to be grateful and to trust that He will continue to bless us.



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 5:27-32,40-41

Response: **I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Apocalypse 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

**Entrance Antiphon:** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

*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 6 May: Legion of Mary**

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) at 7.30pm.

### **Tuesday 7 May: Bible Study**

The Bible Study group meets at 7.30pm in the Friary (182 Iffley Road). We have been reading through the Acts of the Apostles; but this week, for a change, we'll be looking at the Biblical teaching about the Eucharist. You don't need to be a theologian – just come and explore God's Word.

### **Thursday 9 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 10 May: Holy Rosary**

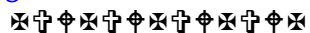
Every Friday evening we pray the Holy Rosary in the church at 7pm. All are welcome.

### **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 that there are no exceptions ([www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk)). A group from this parish will be going to take part in the march, catching the Oxford Tube from the St Clements bus stop at 11am.

### **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: 8.30am to 3.30pm. Please book via the website: [www.bdes.org.uk](http://www.bdes.org.uk).



*Looking ahead:*

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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>.

### **Oxford City-Wide Mission (25 May-14 June 2020)**

During the mission, all the Sunday Masses in Oxford will be 'Come and See' Masses for the lapsed and unchurched. You will be encouraged to bring along one or more of your lapsed or non-Catholic friends. On these occasions, there will be a commentary to help those who would be unfamiliar with Mass, and the homily will be tailored to them as well. We will be preparing for this mission over the coming year, and we will be thinking together about other ways to welcome new people to the church.



### **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.

### **New feature: Website of the Week**

Beginning this week, the newsletter will include a recommended website and/or app of Catholic interest. This Sunday, it's *Universalis* ([www.universalis.com/](http://www.universalis.com/)), which provides the readings for Mass every day, as well as the Order of Mass and the daily prayers of the Church known as the Liturgy of the Hours.