

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 26 May 2019: 6th Sunday of Easter (Year C)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Br. Ambrose's intentions
9.00am	Joana Maria Da Fonesca RIP
11.00am	Manuel F. Dos Soares RIP
5.30pm	Kathy Sheehan RIP

Monday 27 May	St Augustine of Canterbury	Padraic McDonagh RIP
7.30am		

Tuesday 28 May		<i>In honour of St Anthony</i>
7.30am		

Wednesday 29 May		Patricia (Pat) May RIP
7.30am		

Thursday 30 May	Ascension of the Lord	Parishioners
7.30am		Manuel Ximenes & Adelina
7.30pm		Carvalho RIP

Friday 31 May	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Kieran Hughes
7.30am		

Saturday 1 June	St Justin	Friars & Benefactors
8.00am		

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:

William Grant, Enid Mahoney, Frederick Aldridge, James Livingstone, Thomas White, Gregory Slattery, Una Riordan, Ellen Franklin, Kate Flanagan, Samuel Flynn & William Yardella.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No second collection today

Last week's collection:

<i>Offertory</i>	£532.77	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£66.00
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Second collection next week: Catholic Communications

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The Ascension of Jesus

“He goes 'to prepare a place for us.' This presumably means that He is about to create that whole new Nature which will provide the environment or conditions for His glorified humanity and, in Him, for ours... It is not the picture of an escape from any and every kind of Nature into some unconditioned and utterly transcendent life. It is the picture of a new human nature, and a new Nature in general, being brought into existence.”

C. S. Lewis



1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2,22-29

Response: **Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: ‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.’ Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Br Lucjan says thank you...

...to all the people who sponsored his bike ride for The Gatehouse. Donations: by website: £160 + £32.50 Gift Aid; by cash: £370 – making a total of £ 562.50! More info & pictures on the Gatehouse website: <http://oxfordgatehouse.org/bike-oxford-2019-blazing-saddles/>.



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 27 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.

Thursday 30 May: Ascension Day

Forty days after His Resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven—not in order to get away from this world, but in order to connect us to heaven. The celebration of this event is a holyday of obligation. Masses are in the church at 7.30am and 7.30pm.

Thursday 30 May: Taizé Prayer

On the last Thursday of each month you are invited to attend a Taizé prayer service at 7.30pm in the Friary Chapel. Taizé-style worship centres on simple singing, quiet prayer, and readings from Scripture.

Thursday 30 May: NO Alpha this week

The Alpha course is taking a break for the half-term holiday. Sessions will resume on Thursday 6 June.

Friday 31 May: Holy Rosary

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



Looking ahead:

Friday 7-Sunday 9 June: WYD@Home

'World Youth Day at Home' is a weekend festival for 15–30s, featuring acclaimed musician Matt Maher and many more, bringing the festivities of WYD in Panama to your doorstep! It's from 7–9 June at Alton Castle. Tickets for the weekend start from just £65 incl. coach transport from Oxford. The parish is keen to support delegates from the parish to attend this event. Please speak to Br. Paul, take a postcard, or email stephen.harris@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk to find out more.

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>.

Sunday 30 June: Greyfriars Parish Summer Barbecue

Please join us in our glorious garden for an afternoon of entertainment and help raise funds to renovate our Church Hall. Tickets are £3 for adults and £1.50 for children if bought in advance; but on the gate the price will be £4 for adults and £2 for children (in either case, pre-school children have free entry). Price includes a burger or hotdog with salads, when ticket presented at BBQ stall.

We are welcoming donations of prizes for the raffle.

Looking further ahead:

Oxford City-Wide Mission 2020

During the mission, which will run from 25 May to 14 June 2020, 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.



Greyfriars Gift Aid donations for the year ending 5 April 2019

The parish might like to learn that in the last financial year the total amount donated via Gift Aid, including both envelopes and standing orders, came to £17,953.64.



Website of the Week

Improve your carbon footprint even while surfing the web, by using *Ecosia* as your search engine (www.ecosia.org). For every 45 searches you make, they plant a tree. In the past nine months, the computer in the parish office has 'planted' 19 trees!

Greyfriars parish accounts 2018

Jesus told them this parable: “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this... it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them... After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them...”
(Matthew 25:14,19)

“In the beginning God entrusted the earth and its resources to the common stewardship of mankind to take care of them, master them by labour, and enjoy their fruits. The goods of creation are destined for the whole human race... The ownership of any property makes its holder a steward of Providence, with the task of making it fruitful and communicating its benefits to others...”
(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2402 & 2404)

The main source of income for the parish of St Edmund and St Frideswide is the donations made by the congregation, either in the weekly collection at Mass or by standing order. A set amount is passed on to the Capuchin friars as ‘friary upkeep’, while the rest is retained in the parish bank account for all the expenses of maintaining the church and running the parish.

In 2018 the parish finances posted a surplus of over £9,000. More than half of that, however, is money raised for the planned renovations of the church hall, which is expected to cost over £100,000.

At the end of 2018, the parish had £ 83,483.39 in the bank.

A simplified set of accounts is provided here. More detailed accounts are available on request.

Greyfriars parish accounts 2018

INCOME	
Weekly collections	£23,578.78
Standing order donations	£17,800.00
Gift Aid tax refunds	£3,772.81
Second collections	£4,172.74
Votive candles	£1,722.80
Hire of hall	£420.00
Hall renovation fund	£5,496.23
Other	£3,612.34
TOTAL INCOME	£60,575.70
EXPENDITURE	
Friary upkeep (priest's 'salary')	£18,500.64
Insurance of church and hall	£6,162.32
Repairs & renewals	£967.33
Gas & electricity	£5,723.19
Sacristy (candles, bread, wine, etc.)	£2,377.76
Motoring costs	£1,584.00
Telephone & internet	£2,031.00
Second collections paid out	£1,564.02
Diocesan charges	£5,453.76
Other (inc. office expenses)	£7,142.53
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£51,506.55
Surplus	£9,069.15
Balance on 31st December 2018	£83,483.39