

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 2 June 2019: 7th Sunday of Easter (Year C)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Margaret & Kevin's intentions
9.00am	Parishioners
11.00am	Nigel Anthony
5.30pm	Carol Jerson

Monday 3 June	St Charles Lwanga & Companions	Friars & Benefactors
7.30am		

Tuesday 4 June		Vocations
7.30am		

Wednesday 5 June	St Boniface	Thanksgiving
7.30am		

Thursday 6 June		John Downes RIP
7.30am		

Friday 7 June		Kieran Hughes
7.30am		<i>In honour of the Sacred Heart</i>
7.30pm		

Saturday 8 June		Marya Lourdes Amaral & Alou Lourdes Amaral
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:

Joan Conway, Margaret Salcombe, Carmela Azzopardi, Augustus Quinn, Albertina Fernandez, Thomas Connaughton, Wilfred Ganter & Sybil Schmidt.

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

COLLECTIONS:

Second collection today: Catholic Communications

Last week's collection:

<i>Offertory</i>	£565.94	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£70.00
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No second collection next week

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Unity and Diversity

In today's Gospel, Jesus prays that all His believers will "be one". But this oneness, this unity, doesn't mean that we are all the same. The variety of characters and life-stories of the saints is one proof of how the Holy Spirit works in many different ways with His people. And if we look around among a group of aspiring saints like ourselves, we can see a wide variety of backgrounds, different nationalities, and a multiplicity of characters.

And yet all this diversity doesn't prevent unity, because true unity involves relationships with people as they really are. "The Church herself is a network woven together by Eucharistic communion, where unity is based not on 'likes', but on the truth, on the 'Amen', by which each one clings to the Body of Christ, and welcomes others." (Pope Francis)



1st Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Response: **The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.**

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 22:12-14,16-17,20

Gospel: John 17:20-26

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

Sunday 2 June: World Communications Day

On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for those who work in the media, and a second collection is taken at Mass to fund the important work of the Communications Office. This office supports the bishops, in their witness and engagement with current issues and the Church more widely in promoting the Gospel through digital, social, print and broadcast media. The office is the central point for media enquiries and is a key resource for national and international media professionals. It also plays an important role in developing the public profile of the Church through word and image.

Pope Francis has issued a message for World Communications Day: “*We are members one of another*” (Eph. 4:25) – *From social network communities to the human community* (<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/wcd19-pope-message>).

Also this Sunday: Reception into the Catholic Church

At the 11am Mass this Sunday, Nigel Anthony will be received into the Catholic Church. We welcome him into our family and pray that the Lord will bless him in his continuing journey as a disciple of Jesus Christ.



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 3 June: 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 4 June: 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 19 and 20 of Acts before the meeting.

Thursday 6 June: 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. This week the question is, ‘Why and How Do I Pray?’ 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 7 June: Holy Rosary, followed by First Friday Mass

On Friday evening we pray the Holy Rosary in the church at 7pm. The First Friday Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart follows at 7.30pm, including prayers for healing.

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.

Saturday 8 June: Secular Franciscans

The next Secular Franciscan Order (OFS) meeting will take place on Saturday 8th June, 2:15 p.m. at Greyfriars Friary for devotions and reflections on the Franciscan Family and role of the OFS - All welcome.

Also on Saturday 8 June: Confirmations

At the 6.30pm Mass, Bishop William Kenney will administer the sacrament of Confirmation to parishioners who have been preparing over the past several months. We pray that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will be fruitful in them.

Looking ahead:

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.



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.



Website of the Week

For balanced and informed commentary on Catholic news, check out *Crux* (<https://cruxnow.com/>). It has special editorial interests, such as faith and culture and anti-Christian persecution around the world, but it covers the whole Catholic story.