

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 25 August 2019: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Parishioners
9.00am	Paddy & Halina Joyce
11.00am	Adelina Babo RIP
5.30pm	Secular Franciscan Order

Monday 26 August *Blessed Dominic Barberi*

7.30am	Mia Da Silva's intentions
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Tuesday 27 August *St Monica*

7.30am	Friars & Benefactors
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Wednesday 28 August *St Augustine*

7.30am	Mary Dias RIP
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Thursday 29 August *Beheading of St John
the Baptist*

7.30am	Nancy Lyons RIP
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Friday 30 August

7.30am	Kieran Hughes
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Saturday 31 August

8.00am	<i>In honour of St Anthony</i>
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CONFESSIONS: 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:

Martin Cahalin, Elizabeth Pearson, Leo Jones, & Fr John O'Reilly.

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>	£567.35	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£138.50
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The Narrow Door

'The door of God's mercy is narrow but always wide open, wide open for everyone! God has no favourites, but always welcomes everyone, without distinction. A door that is narrow to restrict our pride and our fear. Open because God welcomes us without distinction.'

(Pope Francis)



1st Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Response: **Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.**

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

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

Communion Antiphon: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Friary News

Br. Charles has had a course of chemotherapy. The lung cancer tumours have shrunk; but he has been told it has spread to the hip, which will need radiotherapy. Please continue to keep Br. Charles in your prayers.

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 26 August: Feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi

Blessed Dominic is the patron of the Catholic church in Littlemore. To mark his feast they will be having a Mass at 10am, followed by a procession to Newman's College to venerate the relics of Blessed Dominic.

Also Monday 26 August: 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.

Friday 30 August: Holy Rosary

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

Looking ahead:

Stronger Faith

What is the Church for? What should it be doing? What should we be doing, as members of the Church? At 7.30pm on Tuesday evenings from 17 September, there will be a series of five presentations to help you explore what you believe about the purpose of the Church and your part in it.

Youth Alpha Oxford

On Wednesday evenings, beginning from 25 September, there will be an Alpha course aimed particularly at teenagers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyjL4NsAfM>.

Looking further ahead:

Confirmations 2020

We are now open to applications for the Confirmation preparation course. If you are in Year 6 or above, please pick up a form from the back of church and return it by the end of September.



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 at the back of the church. We look forward to getting to know you better. 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.

Morning 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.

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.

Foreign Coins: a request

We ask you *not* to put *foreign coins* into the Sunday collection, as we have no facility for having them changed into British currency. Thank you.



Volunteer Relationship Counsellors Needed

Are you a Qualified Counsellor with a minimum Level 4 Diploma in Counselling? Would you like to train in Relationship Counselling and help Marriage Care reach more couples with our life-changing service? Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and professional relationship counselling for couples across England and Wales. Our local centre is recruiting qualified counsellors to train in our Certificate in Relationship Counselling and provide just two sessions of counselling per week. We are also recruiting qualified relationship counsellors who already hold a certification in couples counselling. If you are interested in further developing your skills in this truly rewarding role and becoming part of a friendly local team making a real difference in your community, please enquire. Please note that CRC Training costs are in the region of £1800. For more information please visit us at: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk.



Website of the Week

Voyage Comics (<https://voyagecomics.com/blog/>) is a “geeky blog where Comics, Sci-Fi, and Fantasy meet the Catholic faith”.