

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**Sunday 8 September 2019: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**

6.30pm (Saturday) Sr Marie RIP  
 9.00am Paddy & Halina Joyce  
 11.00am Barry Macey-Dare  
 5.30pm Parishioners

**Monday 9 September**

7.30am John Barnes RIP

**Tuesday 10 September** *Blessed Agnellus of Pisa*

7.30am Vailency Fernandes

**Wednesday 11 September**

7.30am Kieran Hughes

**Thursday 12 September**

7.30am *In honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe*

**Friday 13 September** *St John Chrysostom*

7.30am Holy Souls

**Saturday 14 September** *Exaltation of the Cross*

8.00am Martin Keown RIP

**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:**

Giuseppina Partyka, Martin Meredith, Henry Brennan, John Barnes, John Power, Agnes Jordan, Stella Weaver, Pietro Rinaldi, Colin Mathew Kelly, Arthur Devine, Josef Besikewski, Jercy Ludwig, Michael Willoughby, Charles Mann, & Mary Morrissey.

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

### COLLECTIONS:

**Second collection today: Catholic Education Service**

**Last week's collection:**

*Offertory* £526.58 + *Gift-aided* £39.00

**Second collection next week: Catholic Evangelisation**

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1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

Response: **O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philemon 9-10,12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

**Entrance Antiphon:** You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

## **Sunday 8 September: Education Sunday**

Today Catholics are encouraged to reflect on the Church's enormous contribution in this country and pray for all those involved in Catholic education.

### **Friary News**

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

### ***This week:***

#### **Church Cleaning:**

Groups of dedicated volunteers keep the church clean and tidy. This week is the turn of Group D: Norbert & Leonel. Thank you.

## **Monday 9 September: 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 13 September: Holy Rosary**

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

## **Sunday 15 September: Home Mission Sunday**

Each year the Church in England and Wales celebrates Home Mission Sunday. It is an opportunity to inspire us all to share the Good News we have received. There will also be a second collection to support the evangelisation work of the Home Mission Office.

### ***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 at 6.30pm, beginning from 25 September, there will be an Alpha course aimed particularly at teenagers. Feel free to invite friends from school or college. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyjL4NsAfM>.

#### **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.

## **Saturday 5 October: St Joseph's School Reunion**

This year St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (now in Headley Way but formerly in St Clements) is marking the school's rich history and contribution of 150 years to

Catholic Education. The present school community would like to welcome back past pupils, parents, staff and members from the local parish communities to a reunion opportunity at the school. A Celebration Reunion will be held from 3 pm to 7 pm on Saturday 5 October. It will include a chance to visit the present-day school, chat over a cup of tea or coffee, and browse photos from the archives or which others may bring.

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## **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.

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## **Ethical Superstore**

If you are interested in shopping online for eco-friendly or fairly-traded goods, then let us refer you to *Ethical Superstore*. Just give us your name and email address on the form at the back of church (or by email), and you will receive a free £10 voucher to get you started on your first shop of £25 or more. And the parish account with *Ethical Superstore* will also receive a £10 voucher when you place that first order.

## **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](mailto: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.

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## **Website of the Week**

The *Anscombe Bioethics Centre* (<http://www.bioethics.org.uk/>) is a Catholic academic institute that engages with the moral questions arising in clinical practice and biomedical research. The website includes articles and press statements on matters like abortion and euthanasia.