

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 8 December 2019: 2nd Sunday of Advent (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Doyle family RIP
9.00am	Parishioners
11.00am	Mary Meagher RIP
5.30pm	Special intention

Monday 9 December *Immaculate Conception*

7.30am	Kieran Hughes
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Tuesday 10 December

7.30am	George & Kathleen Drennan RIP
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Wednesday 11 December

7.30am	Br. Ade's intentions
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Thursday 12 December *Our Lady of Guadalupe* *In honour of*

7.30am	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
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Friday 13 December *St Lucy*

7.30am	Edward Keane RIP
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Saturday 14 December *St John of the Cross*

8.00am	All lost souls
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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:

Kathleen Bedlington, Patrick Franklin, Josephine Matthew, Ivy Hodgkinson, Ruby Olive Baker, Michael Cahill, Walenty Brzozowski, Robert Marriott, Alice Ferrett, Josephine Crockett, Elsie Stone, Edith Pearson-Walker, Petronella Cobb, & Michael Smith.

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

COLLECTIONS:

Second collection today: Poor Parishes Fund

Last week's collections:

Offertory £741.44 + *Gift-aided* £267.80

No second collection next week

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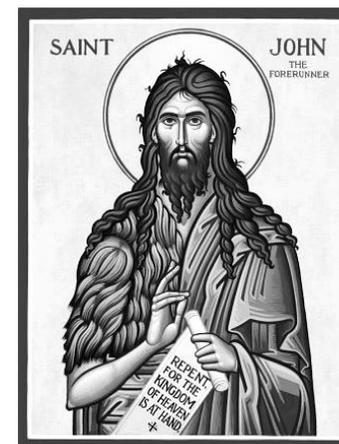
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1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Response: **In his days justice shall flourish, and peace till the moon fails.**

2nd Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Entrance Antiphon: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Christmas Fair Raffle Prizes

Some of the raffle prizes remain unclaimed: 4th prize – ticket 134; 5th prize – ticket 154; 6th prizes – 32; other prizes – tickets 33, 305, and 171.

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.

Advent Daily Rosary

During Advent the Legion of Mary is organizing a Rosary at 7pm, Monday to Thursday, in Greyfriars church. This is in addition to the usual Rosary at 7pm on Fridays.

Monday 9 December: Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is a small group of ordinary Catholics who gather to pray and to organise works of mercy. Come to the door of the sacristy (at the side of the church) at 7.30pm.

Thursday 12 December: General Election

It is our duty to vote and it is also our duty to inform our voting choices according to our Catholic faith. Our bishops have produced some guidance on this matter (<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2019/11/2019-General-Election-Message.pdf>), copies of which are available at the back of church.

We also recommend this blog post by Fr Gareth Leyshon:

<https://catholicpreacher.wordpress.com/2019/11/25/election-morals-2019/>.

Also Thursday 12 December: Bible Study

Our twice-a-month Bible study group meets 7.30-8.30pm, in the library of the Friary, 182 Iffley Road. We are going through the book of Genesis, continuing to examine chapters 2 & 3.

Friday 13 December: Funeral of Margaret Jakeman (née Griffiths)

Margaret was born in 1945 and baptised here at Greyfriars. Her funeral service will be at 11.30am.

Also Friday 13 December: Holy Rosary

Every Friday evening the Holy Rosary is recited in the church at 7pm. All are welcome.

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Looking ahead towards Christmas:

The Five-minute Advent Challenge

Advent is a time to prepare for the Lord's coming and to remember the long years that the Jewish people waited for the Messiah. This Advent, spend some time prayerfully waiting for the Lord by coming to church at least five minutes before Mass.

Walk with Me booklets

This Advent and Christmastide edition of *Walk with Me* follows the daily Mass

readings and also explores the Prologue of St John's Gospel. It is a handy companion for your Christmas preparations and is available from the back of church. The cost of each booklet is £1, but feel free to take one even if you don't have the money to hand.

CAFOD World Gifts

When you are buying your Christmas presents, why not think of a present for those for whom Christmas and every other day is a struggle? CAFOD has made this easy to do; you have a choice of a whole range of gifts from footballs or sewing kits to a llama or chickens. Any of these gifts go to helping struggling communities in areas where CAFOD has a presence. You will find an attractive catalogue of these imaginative World Gifts at the back of the church. Please feel free to take one.

Live Nativity

At the 6pm vigil Mass on Christmas Eve, we will be having a little nativity play involving animals and children. If you have children who wish to take part, please sign them up on the sheet at the back of church or by emailing the parish office: ofmcaparish@gmail.com.

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Looking further ahead:

First Holy Communions 2020

Children in Year 3 or above are eligible to receive their First Holy Communion in 2020. Preparation classes begin in the New Year. Application forms are available at the back of church—please return them by Sunday 22 December.

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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 Greyfriars Connect form, which can be found at the back of the church. 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.

Music at 5.30pm Mass

During the past year the Sunday evening Mass has been enlivened by a fledgling music group. The group is small, however, and would welcome new members who can sing and/or play an instrument. Speak to Br. Paul if you're interested.

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Website of the Week

On the *Right to Life* website (<https://righttolife.org.uk/>), you can access information as to the pro-life credentials of your Parliamentary candidates.