

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 15 December 2019: 3rd Sunday of Advent (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Nellie Quirke RIP
9.00am	Parishioners
11.00am	Barry Gibbon RIP
5.30pm	Raymond Keown RIP

Monday 16 December

7.30am	Mary Meagher
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Tuesday 17 December *O Sapientia*

7.30am	All lost souls
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Wednesday 18 December *O Adonai*

7.30am	Richard Pinniger
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Thursday 19 December *Dedication of the Church*

7.30am	Mark Norman RIP
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Friday 20 December *O Clavis David*

7.30am	Kieran Hughes
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Saturday 21 December *O Oriens*

8.00am	Mikey & Maggie McDonagh RIP
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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:

Patrick Cummins, Molly O'Connor, Josephine Strange, Helen Massey, John Bradley, Thomas Collings, Francis Cyran, Maud Bint, Margaret Bedwin, & Persis Harvey.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No second collection today

Last week's collections:

Offertory	£298.29	+ Gift-aided	£134.41
Poor Parishes Fund	£238.42	+ Gift-aided	£83.46

No second collection next week

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Gaudete Sunday

“Joy is never a possession, always a desire
for something longer ago
or further away
or still ‘about to be’”

C. S. Lewis



1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6,10

Response: **Come, Lord, and save us.**

2nd Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Christmas Fair Raffle Prizes

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

Sunday 15 December: HAKUNA Eucharistic Adoration

In a change from their normal schedule, HAKUNA will lead a Holy Hour beginning at 4pm.

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.

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 16 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.

Friday 20 December: Holy Rosary

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

Saturday 21st December: Secular Franciscan Order meeting

2.15pm in Greyfriars Friary: devotions and reflections with Advent liturgy followed by social in preparation for the great celebration of Christmas. All welcome.

Also Saturday 21 December: Reconciliation service

Beginning at 5pm, this is an opportunity to reflect on the ways in which we fall short of God's goodness and to receive God's mercy. Several priests will be available for confessions.

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Looking ahead to 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.

Sunday 22 December: Service of Lessons and Carols

Beautiful singing by candlelight to help you prepare for Christmas, beginning at 3pm. Please join us for drinks and nibbles in the hall afterwards.

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.

Christmas services:

Tuesday 24 December	6pm: Vigil Mass of Christmas, with Live Nativity 11.30pm: Readings and Carols (Office of Readings) 12 midnight: Midnight Mass
Wednesday 25 December	9am: Dawn Mass 11am: Day Mass

Please note there is no evening Mass on Christmas Day.

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 next Sunday, 22 December.

Oxford Winter Night Shelter (OWNS)

From January to March, we will again be hosting the Oxford Winter Night Shelter in our church hall on Tuesday nights. We welcome volunteers to help in preparing or cleaning the hall each week – just speak to Br. Paul. Or you can volunteer to be part of a weekly OWNS session on their website: <https://www.ownsoxford.org.uk/register>.

Sunday 19 January: Christian Unity Service

As part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, there will be an ecumenical service at 6.30pm in the church of St Mary and St John, Cowley Road.

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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.

Website of the Week

Second Spring (<https://www.secondspring.co.uk/>) provides events and resources – including the monthly publication *Magnificat* – for building a Catholic culture.