

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 22 December 2019: 4th Sunday of Advent (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday) Elsa Paiva RIP
9.00am Parishioners
11.00am Ladislav Nagy
5.30pm O.F.S.

Monday 23 December

7.30am Pereira family

Tuesday 24 December *Christmas Eve*

7.30am Vocations
6.00pm Manuel Guterres
12 midnight Christmas Tree Stars

Wednesday 25 December *Christmas Day*

9.00am Jimmy Begley
11.00am John Joe Riordan

Thursday 26 December *St Stephen*

10.00am Sheila Dowling

Friday 27 December *St John*

8.00am Holy Souls

Saturday 28 December *Holy Innocents*

8.00am Kieran Hughes

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:

Raul Casares, Thomas Patrick O'Boyle, Daniel Moore, John Dunworth, Isabel Parmiter, Patrick Browne, Helena Banham, Anthony Grealis, Thomas Curry, James Begley, Ellen Ruane, Phyllis Wile, Margaret O'Donnell, Edgar Woodward, Angela Murphy, and Stanislaus Polubiec.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No second collection today

Last week's collection:

Offertory £663.84 + *Gift-aided* £118.00

No second collection next week

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*SS Edmund and Frideswide
Roman Catholic Church*

Iffley Road, Oxford OX4 1SB

Parish Priest:

Br. Paul Coleman, OFM Cap.

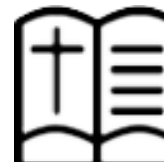
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“To us a child is born”



1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Response: **Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.**

2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Entrance Antiphon: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means ‘God-is-with-us’. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Christmas Fair Raffle Prizes

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

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.

Christmas Tree Stars

Midnight Mass will be offered for all those named on the stars on our main Christmas tree. Stars are available at the back of church – please use just one each, but feel free to write on it as many names as you like, and then give it to one of the friars.

Also today: Deadline for 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 this Sunday, 22 December.

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This week:

Church Cleaning:

Groups of dedicated volunteers keep the church clean and tidy. This week is the turn of Group C: Margaret Madden & family, & Michael. Thank you.

Monday 23 December: Advent Daily Rosary

7pm on this last evening of Advent sees the final one of the daily Rosaries that have been hosted by the Legion of Mary.

Also Monday 23 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.

Tuesday 24 December: Christmas Eve

11am-12 noon: Confessions

6pm: Vigil Mass of Christmas, with Live Nativity

11.30pm: Readings and Carols (Office of Readings)

12 midnight: Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25 December: Christmas Day

9am: Dawn Mass

11am: Day Mass

Please note there is no evening Mass on Christmas Day.

Thursday 26 December: St Stephen's Day

Mass today, at 10am, is a special occasion for all altar servers, especially those who have received their St Stephen's medal.

Friday 27 December: Holy Rosary

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

Saturday 28 December: Carols from the heart (Kolędy serca)

'Kolędy serca' are touring the UK during the Christmas season. From 4pm, they will be singing a repertoire of Polish, Turkish, and English carols.

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Looking further ahead:

Tuesday 31 December: New Year Midnight Mass

Bring in the New Year in the best possible way – with the celebration of the Eucharist. Mass begins at 11.30pm.

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.

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Website of the Week

Admirabile Signum is a letter from Pope Francis on the meaning and importance of the Nativity scene:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20191201_admirabile-signum.html.