

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 29 December 2019: Holy Family (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)		Nellie Quirke RIP
9.00am		Inseal family RIP
11.00am		Barry Macey-Dare
5.30pm		Parishioners
Monday 30 December		
8.00am		Br. Antonio's intentions
Tuesday 31 December		
8.00am		Private intention
11.30pm		Collins family
Wednesday 1 January <i>Mary, Mother of God</i>		
8.00am		Sheena Duffy family intention
Thursday 2 January <i>St Basil & St Gregory Nazianzen</i>		
7.30am		Sheena Murphy
Friday 3 January <i>Holy Name of Jesus</i>		
7.30am		Kieran Hughes
Saturday 4 January		
8.00am		Michal Fornal 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:

Joanna Curran, Frances Greenwood, Peter Gough, Christina Hogan, Julia Riordan, Patrick Brennan, Jones, Teresia James, Kyan Elliott, Joanne Rainer, Catherine Walsh, & Elizabeth Warwick.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No second collection today

Last week's collection:

Offertory £425.82 + *Gift-aided* £102.00

No second collection next week

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The Holy Family



1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3:3-7,14-17

Response: **O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!**

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

Entrance Antiphon: The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

Friary News

Br Charles is now having immunotherapy for his cancer and has stepped back from celebrating Masses for now. Please keep him in your prayers.

In February, we expect to welcome three friars from India, who are coming to be part of the Greyfriars fraternity. This will bring the number of friars up to thirteen.

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Sunday 29 December: Feast of the Holy Family

Today we have a pastoral letter from our Archbishop, which will be read at all the Masses.

This week:

Church Cleaning:

Groups of dedicated volunteers keep the church clean and tidy. This week is the turn of Group D: Eliston, Jubinia, Fabio & family. Thank you.

Monday 30 December: Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is taking a Christmas break.

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**.

Friday 3 January: Holy Rosary

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

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Looking ahead:

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>.

New Year's resolution: Make a difference through CAFOD

Try something that is calorie-free and life giving. We really need people who are interested to go into our Catholic schools and inspire students to act on their sense of justice. You don't have to be a teacher to do this role, only a passion for CAFOD's work and an ability to communicate well with children and young people. Alternatively, if you are good at motivating others we have the ideal role for you - inspiring other volunteers in nearby parishes. Also, we would love to share more of the great acts of love carried out by our parishes and schools via media. So if you are able to help promote our work in any of these ways, we would love to hear from you. All necessary training, travel expenses and resources will be provided. To get in touch: dpurfield@cafod.org.uk or 01494 863 777.

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.

Weddings 2020

If you are planning to get married in 2020, you should contact Br. Paul as soon as possible to make the necessary arrangements.

The Diocese requires at least six months notice, which is essential in cases where the marriage is taking place abroad, when a good deal of administrative work has to be completed. Marriage preparation is also required, whether or not both partners are Catholic.

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.

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Settled Status for EU citizens

If you need legal advice about remaining in the UK after Brexit, try Here for Good (<https://www.hereforgoodlaw.org/>), which runs a free advice service for EEA citizens in need.

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Website of the Week

Did you get a new phone for Christmas? Visit Catholic Aptitude (<https://catholicapptitude.org/>) to find apps relevant to your faith.