

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 5 January 2020: The Epiphany of Our Lord

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| 6.30pm (Saturday) | All Families at Redbridge Hollow |
| 9.00am | Michal Fornal RIP |
| 11.00am | Parishioners |
| 5.30pm | Joyce family |
| Monday 6 January | |
| 7.30am | 2 nd birthday celebration |
| Tuesday 7 January | |
| 7.30am | Br. Lucjan's intention |
| Wednesday 8 January | |
| 7.30am | Kieran Hughes |
| Thursday 9 January | |
| 7.30am | Stacy Sibrey Da Cunha |
| Friday 10 January | |
| 7.30am | Sibrey Da Cunha |
| Saturday 11 January | |
| 8.00am | Pereira family |

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:

John McGarron, William Veloz, Philip McArdle, Emma Pearson, George Reid, Patrick Hartigan, Violet Shields, Domenico Rosato, Liboria Salamone, Mary Guckian, & Giovanni Diliberto.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No second collection today

Last week's collections:

Offertory £357.53 + *Gift-aided* £66.00

No second collection next week

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The sight of the star filled them with delight



1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Response: **All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.**

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Entrance Antiphon: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Christmas Gratitude

The friars want to thank you for all the Christmas cards and gifts you have given, and also for your generosity in the Christmas collection, which totalled £2202.02. We hope you have had a happy and blessed Christmas, and we pray all the best for you in 2020.

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.

Monday 6 January: 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 9 January: Bible Study

Our twice-a-month Bible study group meets 7.30-8.30pm, in the library of the Friary, 182 Iffley Road. Anyone is welcome and no theological training is necessary. We are going through the book of Genesis—please read chapters 4 and 5 before the meeting.

Friday 10 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:

Recycle your Christmas cards

When you clear away your Christmas decorations, please consider dropping off to the friary any religiously-themed cards you've received. We can then make them into cards for next Christmas.

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.

Wednesday 22 January: YouChat

A weekly gathering for young people (ages 12–18) involving food, fun, and faith-filled conversation. We'll be going through *YouCat*, the Catholic catechism for young people. No need to book—just turn up at 6.30pm in the church hall.

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.

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.

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>.

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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.

Reminder to Gift Aid Donors

Please inform the Parish Gift Aid Organiser, James Martin, of any change of address or tax situation so that accurate records may be kept. Updates may either be emailed to edward854@edward854.plus.com or posted to the address in the letter accompanying the annual envelope supply.

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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.

Website of the Week

Dynamic Catholic (<https://dynamiccatholic.com/>) aims to help Catholics and their parishes become the-best-version-of-themselves and is full of free resources.