

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 12 January 2020: The Baptism of the Lord (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Lidia Conceicao Lei
9.00am	Aida Jeronimo Soares
11.00am	Santana Da Silva
5.30pm	Parishioners
Monday 13 January	St Hilary of Poitiers
7.30am	Sr. Anselm of Mary
Tuesday 14 January	
7.30am	Kelinya Lopes Mota Ricardo
Wednesday 15 January	
7.30am	Mary Meagher RIP
Thursday 16 January	St Berard & Companions
7.30am	Deceased Legionnaires
Friday 17 January	St Anthony the Abbot
7.30am	Ezra L. Moore
Saturday 18 January	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8.00am	Friars and Benefactors

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:

Mary Guckian, Giovanni Diliberto, Florie Fernandes, Michael Flaherty, Hannah Chittenden, Francis Brannigan, Richard O'Brien, Michael Reeghill, Beatrice Bennett, William Zelly, Antoinette Barry, Rebecca Heels, Henry Sundar, Eileen Mulherne, Ellen McAvoy, Lisa O'Farrell, Patrick O'Mahoney, & Patrick Joseph Haren.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No second collection today

Last week's collection:

<i>Offertory</i>	£552.41	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£182.00
Second collection next week: Pax Christi			

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1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Response: **The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Entrance Antiphon: After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold the One of whom John said: 'I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.'

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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.

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 12 January: First Holy Communion preparation

The classes for children who have registered to receive their First Holy Communion this year will begin today at 10am. Please meet in the church porch.

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.

Monday 13 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.

Friday 10 January: Holy Rosary

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

Looking ahead:

Oxford Winter Night Shelter (OWNS)

From January to March, we are again 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: Peace Sunday

We will be having a second collection to support the work of *Pax Christi*, a Catholic organisation that works for peace (<http://paxchristi.org.uk/>). They support teachers, chaplains, and youth workers in promoting a culture of peace in schools and amongst young people, they develop solidarity between people who are working non-violently for justice and peace, and they promote an understanding of sustainable security where human needs are met and the environment is protected, rather than seeking security through weapons and warfare.

Also 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. We also encourage you

to join in prayer throughout the week, using the resources available on the website of *Churches Together in Britain and Ireland* (<https://ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer>).

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.

Saturday 25 January: Seniors' Afternoon Tea

The young people invite senior parishioners and their friends to enjoy an afternoon tea anytime between 2pm and 4pm. (Note for young people: preparation starts from 11.30am.)

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.

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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 (correction to last week's notice)

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 be emailed to edward854@edward854.plus.com or posted to the address in the letter accompanying the annual envelope supply. (NB. We apologize for giving an incorrect email address on the hard copies of last week's newsletter.)

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.

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Website of the Week

Synod Fruits (synodfruits.org.uk) is here to help the Church bring about the vision of the 2018 Synod on Youth and of Pope Francis' letter '*Christus Vivit*'.

Thomas White RIP

Please pray for the soul of Tommy White, who died on Sunday 22 December. His funeral will be on Thursday 30 January (details to follow).