

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 19 January 2020: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Nellie Quirke RIP
9.00am	Veronica Harrison
11.00am	Parishioners
5.30pm	Kieran Hughes

Monday 20 January

7.30am	Winnie Joyce RIP
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Tuesday 21 January *St Agnes*

7.30am	All lost Souls
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Wednesday 22 January

7.30am	Kieran Hughes
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Thursday 23 January *St Nicholas Owen*

7.30am	Br. Ambrose
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Friday 24 January *St Francis de Sales*

7.30am	Joe Duggan
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Saturday 25 January *Conversion of St Paul*

8.00am	Chrissie Flyan
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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:

Brigid Lodowski, John Slattery, Frank McGubbin, Scanlan, Mary Diddams, Catherine McHugh, & Des Farrell.

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

COLLECTIONS:

Second collection today: Pax Christi

Last week's collection:

Offertory £494.57 + Gift-aided £104.11

No second collection next week

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I have seen and I am the witness

“Modern man listens more willingly
to witnesses than to teachers,
and if he does listen to teachers,
it is because they are witnesses.”

Pope St Paul VI



1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3,5-6

Response: **Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.**

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him, he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Veronica ‘Nicky’ Brennan RIP

With sadness we report the sudden death of Nicky Brennan, wife of John Brennan our organist. Having been with us as normal at the 11am Mass last Sunday, she collapsed and died on Monday. A priest was on hand to anoint her. Please pray for John and the rest of Nicky’s family. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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Today, Sunday 19 January: Peace Sunday

We are 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 today, Sunday 19 January: Christian Unity Service

As part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18–25 January), 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>).

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 20 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.

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.

Thursday 23 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, and this week it’s the story of Noah and the Flood: please read chapters 6 to 9 before the meeting.

Friday 24 January: Holy Rosary

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

Looking ahead:

Sunday 26 January: Sunday of the Word of God

On 30 September 2019, Pope Francis declared that “the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the word of God” (*Aperuit Illis*, 3). As part of this celebration, we invite you to bring your Bibles to Mass to be blessed. And we encourage you to take up the practice of ‘enthroning’ a Bible in a place of honour in your home. If you do not have a Bible and would like us to order one for you, please give your name on the form at the back of the church.

Wednesday 29 January: Reception of body

The body of Tommy White will be received into the church with a brief service at 5pm.

Thursday 30 January: Funeral of Tommy White RIP

Please pray for Tommy’s wife, Maureen, and the rest of the family. The Requiem Mass begins at 11am, and then cremation at 12.30pm. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Also Thursday 30 January: Funeral of Veronica ‘Nicky’ Brennan RIP

Nicky’s Requiem Mass is at 2pm, followed by cremation at Barton. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

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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 9am & 11am Sunday Masses

Coffee/tea and light refreshments are served in the Parish Hall after the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses. It is a great opportunity to come after Mass and have a drink and chat, meet friends and make new ones. All are welcome.

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>.

Website of the Week

The Association of Interchurch Families (<https://www.interchurchfamilies.org.uk/>) is a source of information and support for families where one spouse is Catholic and the other is of a different Christian denomination. The Association also gives interchurch families opportunities to meet other couples in a similar situation and to exchange and explore experiences with them.