

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 2 February 2020: The Presentation of the Lord

6.30pm (Saturday) Nellie Quirke RIP
 9.00am Parishioners
 11.00am Adaun Qolimali Quintao & Fernanda Da Costa Maia RIP
 5.30pm OFS

Monday 3 February *St Blaise*

7.30am Fernanda Costa Maia RIP

Tuesday 4 February *St Joseph of Leonessa*

7.30am Private intention

Wednesday 5 February *St Agatha*

7.30am Kieran Hughes

Thursday 6 February *St Peter Baptist & Companions*

7.30am Pious Union

Friday 7 February *St Colette*

7.30am Br. Ade's intention
 7.30pm *In honour of the Sacred Heart*

Saturday 8 February *St Josephine Bakhita*

8.00am Carissie Flyan

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:

Patrick O'Callaghan, Jacob Lennon, Giuseppina Wilkins, Mikolaj Bandrowski, Ellen Merry, John Kennedy, Mary Taylor, Kristian O'Farrell, Patrick O'Mahoney, Hugh McKenna, Michael Gilboy, Daniel McCarthy, Domenico Rosato, Ruby Cross, & Bruno Nowak.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No second collection today

Last week's collections:

Offertory £527.57 + Gift-aided £108.00

Second collection next week: Racial Justice

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The Presentation of the Lord



1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Response: **Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.**

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

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Sunday 2 February: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Traditionally known as Candlemas, this feast features a blessing of candles followed by a candlelit procession. This commemorates the day when the baby Jesus was brought to the Temple and the old prophet Simeon welcomed Him as “a light of revelation to the Gentiles”. You may wish to bring your own candles to be blessed along with the church candles.

Because Jesus was presented at the Temple to consecrate Him to God, today is also the Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life.

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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 A: Mary Joyce & family. Thank you.

Monday 3 February: Blessing of St Blaise

On this Feast of St Blaise, there is a traditional blessing of throats available after the 7.30am Mass in the friary chapel.

Also Monday 3 February: 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 7.30pm.

Wednesday 5 February: 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.

Friday 7 February: Holy Rosary & First Friday Mass

Every Friday evening the Holy Rosary is recited in the church at 7pm. All are welcome. On this first Friday of the month there is also a Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart at 7.30pm, with prayers for healing.

Saturday 8 February: St Josephine Bakhita

Because this saint experienced slavery, her feast day is an opportunity to pray for modern-day slaves and to consider helping the fight against slavery. Find out more at <http://santamartagroup.com/>.

Looking ahead:

Thursday 13 February: CAFOD Supporters’ event

Come and hear from our very own Oxford parishioner and CAFOD schools’ team member Susan Kambalu about her experience visiting our partners, be inspired by other supporters and have an energising session. 10:30 am – 12:30pm (coffee/tea from 10am) at Our Lady Help of Christians, 59 Hollow Way, Cowley, Oxford OX4 2ND. Please book a place - 01494 863 777 or dpurfield@cafod.org.uk.

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.

Morning Mass

Morning Mass is celebrated on every weekday (Monday–Friday at 7.30am & Saturday at 8am) in the Friary Chapel. For morning Mass, please enter via the main door of the Friary at 182 Iffley Road. Once in the porch, follow the sign to the Chapel.

Preparing for Mass—Fasting

The Church has a discipline of a Eucharistic Fast. For Catholics this means an obligation to abstain from all food and drink (except water) for one hour prior to Communion. This minimal requirement serves to remind us that the Eucharistic Banquet is an event to prepare for. Those who are elderly or sick are exempt from this law, especially when the Eucharist is brought to them.

IF YOU GO INTO HOSPITAL

Catholics in hospital are unlikely to receive an automatic visit from the Catholic Chaplain. If someone is taken to hospital, please let the Friary know or ask the staff on the ward to contact the Catholic Chaplain so that the patient may receive Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of the Sick.

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.

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.

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Website of the Week

UK Religious Life (<https://www.ukreligiouslife.org/>) provides information about religious life in general and about the different religious orders and congregations in this country.