

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 16 February 2020: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Parishioners
9.00am	Nicky Brennan & family
11.00am	Dominicas Soares
5.30pm	All the families in Redbridge

Monday 17 February

7.30am	Lost souls
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Tuesday 18 February

7.30am	Guild of St Anthony
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Wednesday 19 February

7.30am	Br. Antonio's intention
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Thursday 20 February

7.30am	Monica Curran RIP
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Friday 21 February

7.30am	Kieran Hughes
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Saturday 22 February *The Chair of
St Peter*

8.00am	Vocations
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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:

Paul Blick, Paschal Doyle, Michael Hopkins, Denis O'Riordan, Nora Noonan, Veronica Penson, Mary Walsh, Catherine Tracey, & Minnie Lavinia Hill.

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

COLLECTIONS:

Second collection today: Pro Life

Last week's collections:

<i>Offertory</i>	£388.05	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£326.50
<i>Racial Justice</i>	£238.66	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£28.26

No second collection next week

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He taught them with authority

“As to ‘caring for’ the Sermon on the Mount, if ‘caring for’ here means ‘liking’ or ‘enjoying’, I suppose no one ‘cares for’ it. Who can like being knocked flat on his face by a sledgehammer?”

(C. S. Lewis)



1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21

Response: **They are happy who follow God's law!**

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Oxford City-Wide Mission Prayer

Lord God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon the whole city of Oxford.
Bless all who live here with faith in your Son, Jesus Christ.
Inflame my faith anew
and inspire us as a parish
with new ways to introduce people
in the local community to your unfailing love.
We pray that your grace may overcome every barrier
and reconcile us all to yourself,
through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.
Our Lady, first disciple of Jesus, pray for us.

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Sunday 16 February: Second collection for Life

The charity 'Life' (<https://lifecharity.org.uk/>) was founded in 1970 on the principle that it is not enough simply to oppose abortion but that the positive alternatives should also be provided. So it cares for women facing crisis and unexpected pregnancies (one of its homes for such women is in our parish), while also working to promote respect for human life. It is a non-religious charity, but of course the Catholic Church shares its belief in the value and dignity of human life from beginning to end, and its services exist to uphold and enact these values. So the diocese encourages us to have a collection to support Life's work.

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 17 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 the side of the church) at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 19 February: NO YouChat this week

Our normal gathering for young people takes a break for the half-term holiday. We'll resume on Wednesday 26 February.

Friday 21 February: Holy Rosary

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

Looking ahead:

Wednesday 26 February: Ash Wednesday

We begin Lent with the traditional blessing and distribution of ashes. Masses will be at 7.30am and 7.30pm.

Friday 28 February: The Friars' Choice Film Night - 'The Shack'

On the last Friday of every month, we'll be having a film night in the hall. Entry is free, but there will be refreshments for sale and we will welcome donations for the renovation of the hall. This month the film is 'The Shack' (you can watch a trailer here: <https://youtu.be/CL0yUbSS5Eg>).

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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 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.

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 and paperwork. Marriage preparation is also required, whether or not both partners are Catholic.

Holy Communion for the Housebound

Often, as we get older, we are not always able to attend Mass and need to receive the Sacrament at home. The priest or a eucharistic minister can take Holy Communion to the housebound at times when it is convenient. Please let Br. Paul know if you or a loved one cannot attend Mass, and he will arrange Holy Communion at home.

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Donate a YOUCAT

We're delighted that we've had nearly 20 young people attending our YouChat sessions. But that means we don't have enough copies of YOUCAT (the youth catechism of the Catholic Church) to go round. To support our youth work, please consider donating a YOUCAT – either by buying it yourself (it's available from Catholic outlets like www.paulineuk.org and www.ctsbooks.org) or by giving us £10.

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Website of the Week

The Pray More Lenten Retreat (<https://praymoreretreat.org/>) is an accessible way of journeying through Lent, with video presentations and study guides.