

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 23 February 2020: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday) Br. Ambrose's intention
 9.00am OFS
 11.00am Julia F. Das. Barbosa
 5.30pm Parishioners

Monday 24 February

7.30am Kieran Hughes

Tuesday 25 February

7.30am Sally & Patrick O'Connell RIP

Wednesday 26 February Ash Wednesday

7.30am *In honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe*
 7.30pm Private intention

Thursday 27 February

7.30am Br. Loarne's intention

Friday 28 February St Oswald

7.30am All lost souls

Saturday 29 February

8.00am Private intention

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 Bint, Trudy Cox, Antonia Soave, William Hawkes, William O'Brien, Mary Brolly, Joseph McEntee, Mary Neal, Thomas Hanton, John Brown, Denis O'Shea, & O'Donnell.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No second collection today

Last week's collections:

Offertory	£394.16	+ Gift-aided	£101.00
Pro Life	£296.02	+ Gift-aided	£50.60

Second collection next week: Cathedral Maintenance

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*Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.*



1st Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

Response: **The Lord is compassion and love.**

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

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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This week:

Church Cleaning:

Groups of dedicated volunteers keep the church clean and tidy. This week is the turn of Group D: Eliston, Jubinia, Fabio & family. Thank you.

Monday 24 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 26 February: Ash Wednesday

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

Also Wednesday 26 February: YouChat

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

Thursday 27 February: 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 12 to 13 before the meeting.

Also Thursday 27 February: Taizé Prayer

On the last Monday of each month you are invited to attend a Taizé prayer service at 7.30pm in the Friary chapel. Taizé-style worship centres on singing, prayer, readings from Scripture, and periods of silence. Simple songs are sung in a repetitive manner to help worshippers obtain a prayerful mood.

Friday 28 February: Holy Rosary

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

Also 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>). Refreshments are available from 7.15pm, and the film begins at 7.30pm.

Saturday 29 February: HAKUNA Holy Hour

From 5pm there will be Eucharistic exposition, with songs, readings, and times of silent prayer.

Looking ahead:

Friday 6 March: CAFOD Family Fast Day

Every year the second Sunday of Lent is kept as Family Fast Day. This year it falls on 6 March. We are invited during Lent to implore justice through our prayers, to stand in solidarity with the poor and hungry and to reach out through our giving. We can do this by supporting the work of the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD). We are invited to eat a little less on 6 March and contribute at least what we save to the work of CAFOD. Parishioners have been very generous in previous years. This year a collection will be taken at Masses on 7 and 8 March. Next weekend, envelopes will be available after Masses so that you can return your offerings at Masses on 7 and 8 March.

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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.

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.

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.