

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 1 March 2020: 1st Sunday of Lent (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Santana Da Silva, Filomena De Carvalho & Family RIP
9.00am	Parishioners
11.00am	Anita de Araujo & Fidelio Belo Alves RIP
5.30pm	Tomas Americo & Alcina da Costa Freitas

Monday 2 March *St Chad*

7.30am	Friars & Benefactors
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Tuesday 3 March

7.30am	Susan Reilly RIP
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Wednesday 4 March *St Casimir*

7.30am	Lost souls
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Thursday 5 March

7.30am	Kieran Hughes
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Friday 6 March

7.30am	Pious Union
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Saturday 7 March *St Perpetua & St Felicity*

8.00am	Alcina Da Costa
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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:

Sarah Keating, John Moore, James Walshe, Norah Tobin, Thomas Jordan, Louisa Waite, Peter Thorne, Vera Mary Sheridan, Monica Hackett, Conchita Connell, Jane Harraway, Henry Parr, John Riordan, & Brenda Thorpe.

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

COLLECTIONS:

Second collection today: Cathedral Maintenance

Last week's collections:

Offertory £515.85 + *Gift-aided* £156.50

Second collection next week: CAFOD

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The Temptations of Christ

The germ of all temptation is setting God aside, so that he seems to be a secondary concern when compared with all the urgent priorities of our lives.

- Pope Benedict XVI



1st Reading: Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7

Response: **Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Entrance Antiphon: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Communion Antiphon: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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. In flame 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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Greyfriars Parish Pledge

Many of us are quietly doing things to advance our faith and make the world a better place, often unaware of what other parishioners are also quietly doing. Still, all we do is done as members of the Body of Christ, and we wish to celebrate and encourage it. You will find an insert in this newsletter detailing actions that you might like to commit to as a member of the parish—whether they be actions that you already do or new ones that you wish to undertake. We wish to create a ‘parish profile’ giving an overview of what the members of our community are doing and what they care about.

Friary News

Greyfriars fraternity has welcomed two more brothers (which brings the total number of friars here to 12). Br. Aremiya and Br. Pradeep are from Orissa, India. If all goes well, they will complete their theological studies here and remain to serve in this country.

This week:

Church Cleaning:

This week is the turn of Group A: Mary Joyce & family. Thank you.

Monday 2 March: Legion of Mary (7.30pm)

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).

Wednesday 4 March: 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.

Friday 6 March: CAFOD Family Fast Day

We are invited during Lent to pray for justice and stand in solidarity with the poor and hungry. We are invited to eat a little less on Family Fast Day, and give at least what we save to the work of the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) (<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>). Please take an envelope so you can put your offering in the collection which will be taken at Masses on 7 and 8 March.

Also Friday 6 March: Exposition, Holy Rosary, & Stations of the Cross

This Friday evening the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed between 6pm and 7pm,

and then the Holy Rosary is recited at 7pm. During Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm. Please note that there will be **no** First Friday Mass this evening.

Looking ahead:

Monday 9 March: Funeral of Rose Dunne RIP

A long-term parishioner of Greyfriars, Rose lived the last couple of years at Isis Care Home. She died on 5 February, aged 91 years. Her Requiem Mass will be at 11am.

Also Monday 9 March: Youth Ministry Training Programme

From 7pm to 9pm, on five consecutive Mondays, finishing on 6 April, the Birmingham Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) will host ‘Bethsaida’, a weekly training programme on youth ministry at Our Lady Help of Christians (OX4 2ND). The course covers everything from leading groups and planning programmes, to sharing the faith and praying with young people. All are welcome!

25 May - 14 June: Oxford City-Wide Mission

The Catholic parishes of Oxford are all joining in a 3-week outreach to local people. On the Sundays of 31 May, 7 June, and 14 June all the Masses will be ‘Come and See’ Masses—especially geared towards those who are unfamiliar with Catholic Mass. These will be a good opportunity to invite friends and family who have never been to church or have been away for a long time. Parishes and Catholic groups will be putting on other events during the Mission—more information to follow soon.

Oxford City-Wide Mission training events:

Saturday 14 March, 10.30am–3.30pm. 10.30 Tea & Coffee and Welcome - 11.00 Session 1: Learning to give Testimony - Midday Prayer - 12.30 Bring & Share Lunch - 1.15 Session 2: Parish Newsletters with non-Catholics in mind - 2.30 Break - 2.45 Session 3: Learning to give a Faith Tour of your Church - 3.30 Tea/Coffee; Close. Come for the whole day or just drop in for the sessions which interest you.

Thursday 26 March, 7.30pm: ‘Learning to give a Faith Tour of your Church’.

The sessions will be fun and interactive and aim to increase your confidence in your chosen subject. An email in advance to loarne@ymail.com would be appreciated.

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Welcome to St Edmund & St Frideswide Catholic Church!

Newcomers to the parish—whether Catholic or not—may like to register as members, using the ‘Connect’ forms in the church porch. 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. An opportunity to meet and make friends. All are welcome.

Website of the Week

Something for your prayer life, *Hallow* (<https://hallow.app/>) is a Catholic meditation app to help you find peace and grow in your spiritual journey.