

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 8 March 2020: 2nd Sunday of Lent (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday) Horacio Da Costa, Sebastiana Lopes Da Cruz, Tarcisio Leandro Dos Reis Amaral, Fransisku Dos Reis Amaral
 9.00am Fiorbela Imaculada Acacio RIP
 11.00am John Pinniger
 5.30pm Parishioners

Monday 9 March St Frances of Rome

7.30am Nora Reilly's intention

Tuesday 10 March St John Ogilvie

7.30am Hubert Guinan

Wednesday 11 March

7.30am Kieran Hughes

Thursday 12 March

7.30am Lost souls

Friday 13 March

7.30am Patrick Downes RIP

Saturday 14 March

8.00am Holy Souls

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:

Edith Butt, Ellen Waite, Harold Hancock, Elsie Fisher, Margaret Trinder, Philip Cauchard, Harris Henry Sunder, Constance Milmore, Mary Connell, & Michael Creedon.

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

COLLECTIONS:

Second collection today: CAFOD Family Fast Day

Last week's collections:

<i>Offertory</i>	£491.38	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£110.00
<i>Cathedral Maintenance</i>	£185.05	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£37.00

No second collection next week

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“It is good for us to be here”



1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

Response: **May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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.



Sunday 8 March: CAFOD Collection

We are invited during Lent to pray for justice and stand in solidarity with the poor and hungry. We are also asked to eat less on Family Fast Day, and give to the work of the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) (<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>) at least what we save. Please put your offering in the envelope for the collection at today's Masses.

Greyfriars Parish Pledge

Many of us quietly do things to advance our faith and make the world a better place, often unaware of what other parishioners also quietly do. Still, all we do is done as members of the Body of Christ, and we wish to celebrate and encourage it. Leaflets are available at the back of the church detailing actions that you might like to commit to as a member of the parish—whether they be actions you already do or new ones you wish to undertake. We want to create a 'parish profile' giving an overview of what parishioners are doing and what they care about.

Coronavirus advice

We have received guidance from the diocese about how we should respond to the threat of the coronavirus. As yet, there is no call to suspend the sign of peace for everyone; but anyone with cold or flu symptoms is asked to refrain from the physical sign of peace and from receiving communion from the chalice, and to receive the host on the hand only. Ministers of the Eucharist will sanitize their hands before and after distributing communion.

This week:

Church Cleaning:

This week is the turn of Group B: Sam and John. Thank you.

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 (7pm-9pm)

On all five Mondays from now till 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!

Also Monday 9 March: Legion of Mary (7.30pm)

The Legion of Mary is a small group of ordinary Catholics who gather to pray and to organize works of mercy. Come to the door of the sacristy (at the side of the church).

Wednesday 11 March: YouChat (6.30pm in the church hall)

A weekly gathering for 12–18-year-olds involving food, fun, and faith-filled conversation. We are going through YOUCAT, the Catholic youth catechism. No need to book—just turn up!

Thursday 12 March: Bible Study

Our twice-a-month Bible study group meets from 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 14 to 17 before the meeting.

Friday 13 March: Holy Rosary (7pm) & Stations of the Cross

Our regular Friday Holy Rosary will be followed during Lent by Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm.

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.

Also on Thursday 26 March, 7.30pm: 'Learning to give a Faith Tour of your Church'

These sessions will be fun and interactive and aim to increase your confidence in your chosen subject. Sending an email in advance to loarne@ymail.com would be greatly appreciated.

Looking ahead:

Gift Aid 2020-21 envelopes: now available in the servers' sacristy

Gift Aid envelopes for the coming tax year are now ready for collection. Please pick yours up before the start of the new financial year. The parish is always very grateful for your generosity.

25 May-14 June: Oxford City-Wide Mission

Oxford's Catholic parishes are 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—geared towards those who are unfamiliar with the 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, including street outreach. If you'd like to help with any of these events, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.



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 in the Parish Hall after the 9am & 11am Sunday Masses

An opportunity to have a drink and a chat, to meet friends and make new ones. All welcome.

Oxford Winter Night Shelter (OWNS)

Our hosting of the Oxford Winter Night Shelter in our church hall on Tuesday nights has been going well, with six to ten homeless people sleeping in the hall each week. But **we would welcome donations of sleeping bags**, which we are running short of.

Website of the Week

Out of the 80 million chocolate Easter eggs sold each year, *The Real Easter Egg* (www.realeasteregg.co.uk) is the only Fairtrade one with the Easter story in the box.