

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 15 March 2020: 3rd Sunday of Lent (Year A)

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| 6.30pm (Saturday) | Capuchin Missionary Association |
| 9.00am | Parishioners |
| 11.00am | Elizabeth Gill RIP |
| 5.30pm | Joao De Brito Ribeiro Ximenes & Terezinha Da Conceicao Luz Henriques |

Monday 16 March

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| 7.30am | Richard Ryan RIP (6 th anniversary) |
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Tuesday 17 March *St Patrick*

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| 7.30am | Kieran Hughes |
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Wednesday 18 March

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| 7.30am | For all affected by the coronavirus, those searching for a cure, and the NHS |
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Thursday 19 March *St Joseph*

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| 7.30am | Lost souls |
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Friday 20 March

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| 7.30am | Vocations |
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Saturday 21 March

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| 8.00am | John Pinniger |
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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:

John Campbell, Florence Barrett, Thomas Feeney, Sardar Masih, Margaret Connaughton, Robin Dancer, & Ruth Honoria Mary Slattery.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No second collection today

Last week's collections:

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| Offertory | £476.96 | + Gift-aided | £243.00 |
| CAFOD Family Fast Day | £534.31 | inc. £150 Gift-aided | |

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1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Response: **O that today you would listen to his voice!**

'Harden not your hearts.'

2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-2,5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world: give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Communion Antiphon: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

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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Updated Coronavirus advice from the Bishops of England and Wales

We shall have communion under one kind only. We are also asked (i) to refrain from physical contact at the Sign of Peace and (ii) to receive communion in the hand. Ministers of the Eucharist will continue to sanitise their hands before and after distributing communion. As a further precaution we shall not use hymn books or pass round collection bags. So the collection will be a retiring collection at the end of Mass.

For further details see <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/coronavirus-stage-2-guidance/>.

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CAFOD Collection

Thank you for your generosity: last week's collection raised £534.31.

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 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 church which detail 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 you wish to undertake. We want to create a 'parish profile' giving an overview of what the members of our community are doing and what they care about.

This week:

Church Cleaning:

This week is the turn of Group C: Margaret Madden & family, & Michael. Thank you.

Monday 16 March: Youth Ministry Training Programme (7pm-9pm)

Every Monday till 6 April, the Birmingham Catholic Youth Service 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 16 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

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 20 March: Holy Rosary (7pm) and Stations of the Cross

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

Looking ahead:

Gift Aid 2020-21

Gift Aid envelopes for the coming tax year are now available in the server's Sacristy for collection. Please remember to pick up yours to be ready for the start of the new financial year in April. The parish is, as always, very grateful for your generosity.

Oxford City-Wide Mission training event (Thursday 26 March, 7.30pm)

Thursday 26 March, 7.30pm: 'Learning to give a Faith Tour of your Church'. The session will be fun and interactive and aims to increase parishioners' confidence in showing people around their church. Please e-mail loarne@ymail.com to book in.

25 May-14 June: Oxford City-Wide Mission

The Catholic parishes of Oxford 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—especially geared towards those 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, including street outreach. If you are interested in helping with any of these events, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

5-7 June: Flower Festival

As part of the City-wide Mission, we will hold a flower festival in the church. *Next weekend, 21-22 March*, we shall raise funds for this event. Rather than holding two simultaneous collections, however, we will simply designate one third of the Sunday collection as being for the flower festival—so please put in a little extra next week.

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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—CANCELLED

The bishops advise suspending such events till the coronavirus epidemic is over.

Website of the Week: Coronavirus online prayer campaign

Join in a prayer campaign (<https://www.charis.international/en/prayer-campaign/>), asking the Holy Spirit for the end of the coronavirus epidemic, the healing of the sick, and the salvation of the souls of those who die from it.