

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Although there will be no public Mass,
the friars will continue offering Mass for your intentions

Sunday 29 March 2020: 5th Sunday of Lent (Year A)

9.30am Br. Pradeep's intention
Parishioners
James & Thelma Martin

Monday 30 March

7.30am Lost souls

Tuesday 31 March

7.30am Kieran Hughes

Wednesday 1 April

7.30am Br. Aremiya's intention

Thursday 2 April

7.30am Friars & Benefactors

Friday 3 April

7.30am *In honour of the Sacred Heart*

Saturday 4 April

8.00am Mary Keane's intention

CONFESSIONS: available on request.

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick.

Pray, too, for those whose anniversaries occur about this time, including:

Christopher Clarkson, Jozeph Korobiecki, Harold Pearce, John Purcell, Patrick McCormack, Maida Humphreys, Anthony Hughes, Bridget Pope, & William Hanley.

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

COLLECTIONS

Normal Sunday collections cannot be taken under current circumstances. Donations can be sent to the friary. Or you can contact the parish office about online donations.

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“Lazarus, come out!”



1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Response: **With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Communion Antiphon: Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

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ALL MASSES AND OTHER GATHERINGS AT CHURCH ARE CANCELLED

Sadly, because of the coronavirus epidemic, there will be no public Masses or other public gatherings for worship till further notice. The guidance from our bishops and the government is now also that churches will not be open even for private prayer. You can find a clear explanation here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/cardinal-closing-churches-is-the-right-thing-to-do-to-save-lives/>.

We friars will be celebrating Mass every day in our chapel, remembering you all in our prayers, and we invite you to join us in spirit. We will also be live-streaming our Masses and other times of prayer, so that you can join us virtually as well. The live-stream will be on the main page of our website: www.greyfriarsoxford.weebly.com.

Please also note that Br. Paul is available to hear your confession on request.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Sunday 29 March: Rededication of England as Mary's Dowry

Back in the Middle Ages, England was placed under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary and declared to be her 'dowry'. Catholics all over England are invited to join in committing themselves to the care of Our Lady and in rededicating the country as her Dowry. More information is available here: <https://www.behold2020.com/>.

Sunday 5 April: Palm Sunday

Although people cannot gather for the Palm Sunday procession, palm crosses will still be blessed as part of the celebration at the friary, and these will be made available and/or distributed to parishioners insofar as circumstances allow.

Thursday 9 April-Sunday 12 April: Easter Triduum

All the services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday services will be live-streamed on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/user/CapuchinFranciscan>) and via the parish website (www.greyfriarsoxford.weebly.com).

Greyfriars Community Support

If you need to be at home for an extended period in the coming weeks and need help with shopping or an errand, please email us at GreyFriarsIffley@gmail.com or call 01865 256750 or 07917 562661 to let us know. To reduce any risk of infection, shopping etc. would be left on the doorstep rather than handed over in person.

If you are not in a vulnerable group and want to help, please let us know by email at GreyFriarsIffley@gmail.com that you can do so; we will then be able to get in touch with you as and when help is needed.

Intercessory Prayer Group

Intercessory prayer is the act of praying for other people. The Lord instructed us to pray not only for our personal needs but to reach out and pray for others as well. We find this in 1 Timothy 2:1-6 where we are told to pray and to make intercession for all men. We have started a parish Intercessory Prayer Group. If you would like us to pray for somebody, please email GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com or phone 07384116920. All requests will be treated in strictest confidence.

Resources for Catholic parents

Stuck at home with your children? Their schools will be providing material to continue their education during these uncertain times; but what about their Catholic upbringing? Here are some links recommended by Catholics who have been schooling their children at home for a long time: *Prayers for Home* (<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/>) is provided by *Ten Ten*, a Catholic professional theatre company that works with schools around the UK.

Kidz Zone (<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Kidz-Zone>): explore *CAFOD* (a Catholic charity that works in poorer countries) and the wider world with online games for kids, films and prayers for children, as well as printable activities to do indoors or outdoors.

CathFamily (an Australian organisation) is offering free access to *CathKids* until 30th June: <https://cathfamily.org/>.

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A prayer to the Virgin Mary for protection

Pope Francis has composed a prayer to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, to implore her protection during the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic.

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our plea—we who are put to the test—and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.