

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

Sunday 5 April 2020: Palm Sunday (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Br. Antonio's intention
9.30am	Parishioners
11.00am	All Suffering from coronavirus, those working to find a cure & the NHS

Monday 6 April

7.30am	Kieran Hughes
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Tuesday 7 April

7.30am	Br. Ade's intention
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Wednesday 8 April

7.30am	Lost souls
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Thursday 9 April *Holy Thursday*

7.30pm	Carissie Fylan
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Friday 10 April *Good Friday*

3.00pm	<i>Liturgy of the Passion</i>
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Saturday 11 April *Holy Saturday*

8.30pm	Parishioners
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Please pray for those members of our community who are sick.

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

Julia Smith, Aldridge Banham, Terence Monaghan, Dorothy Gale, Ejeoma Ugwu, Anthony Edmund Hughes, Thomas McGloine, Mary Rea, Patrick Connell, Margaret Zelly, John Madden, Vincent Tighe, Joseph Morrissey, & Fernando Arroyave.

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 (cheques made payable to 'Capuchin Oxford Parish'). Or you can contact the parish office about online donations.

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Procession Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Response: **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Passion Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Entrance Antiphon: Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Communion Antiphon: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Live-streaming of services

Sadly, because of the coronavirus epidemic, there will be no public Masses or other public gatherings for worship till further notice. But we friars are 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 is on the main page of our website (www.greyfriarsoxford.weebly.com) and also on the friars' YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/user/CapuchinFranciscan).

It's helpful when watching Mass on the internet to set up some kind of 'altar' e.g. with candles, a crucifix, and a Missal or a Bible in front of the screen you'll be streaming it on. Rather than sitting on the sofa, consider sitting on a hardback chair and using cushions as kneelers, to enter more prayerfully into Mass.

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 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 as and when circumstances allow.

Thursday 9 April-Sunday 12 April: Easter Triduum

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

7.30pm Thursday 9 April, Mass of the Lord's Supper

3.00pm Friday 10 April, Liturgy of the Passion

8.30pm Saturday 11 April, Blessing of the Easter Fire

8.45pm Saturday 11 April, Easter Vigil

9.30am Sunday 12 April, Easter Sunday Mass

11.00am Sunday 12 April, Easter Sunday Mass

Celebrating Holy Week at home

Apart from watching the Holy Week services on the internet, there are other ways to bring the celebrations into your home. On Palm Sunday, you can put a green branch (not necessarily a palm branch) on your front door or in your window. On Maundy Thursday, someone in your household can volunteer to have their feet washed and another to wash them, to emulate the humility of Jesus at the Last Supper. For the

veneration of the cross on Good Friday, get the biggest cross or crucifix that you have in the house and venerate that by kissing it or bowing to it. For the blessing of the Easter fire at the beginning of the Easter Vigil, maybe you can have a fire in your garden, as a sign of the light of Christ conquering the darkness. If you have multiple candles in your home, everyone could light their own candle from the main one to imitate lighting candles from the Paschal Candle at the Easter Vigil. Finally, if you have holy water, bless yourself with it as you renew your baptismal promises.

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 07384 116920. All requests will be treated in strictest confidence.

A prayer in time of pandemic

*Almighty and eternal God,
our refuge in every danger,
to whom we turn in our distress:
in faith we pray,
look with compassion on the afflicted,
grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners,
healing to the sick, peace to the dying,
strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders,
and the courage to reach out to all in love,
so that together we may give glory to your holy name.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



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