

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

Sunday 19 April 2020: Second Sunday of Easter (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)		Filomeno da Silva Tilman, Angel, my angel Skya RIP
9.00am		Parishioners
11.00am		Prayers for Pereira family
Monday 20 April		
7.30am		Lost souls
Tuesday 21 April	St Conrad	
7.30am		Students
Wednesday 22 April		
7.30am		Kieran Hughes
Thursday 23 April	St George	
7.30am		Mary & Michael Connors & family
Friday 24 April	St Fidelis	
7.30am		Br. Loarne's intentions
Saturday 25 April	St Mark	
8.00am		All victims of the coronavirus, those working to find a cure, and the NHS

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

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

James Crosbie, Gordon Collins, Rhianna Mae Lea Gallagher, Sophia Keaney, Ann McNally, Margaret Carlton, Kate Blunsdon, Stuart Kennedy, Mary Murphy, Kathleen Jones, James Jones, Frederick Hicks, & May.

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.

SS Edmund and Frideswide Roman Catholic Church

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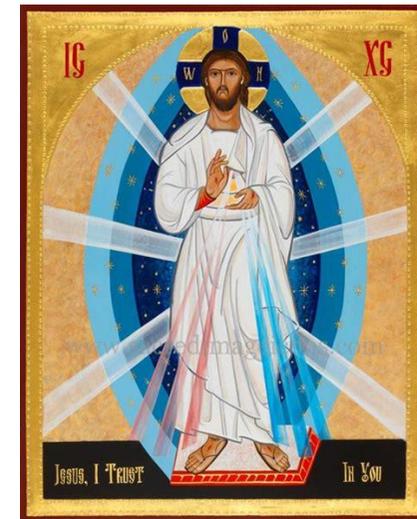
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1st Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Response: **Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.**

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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.

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.

Confessions are suspended

Once again because of the social-distancing regulations, we cannot accept requests to go to confession. Although it is painful to be without sacramental absolution, God's forgiveness is still available to you if you have the intention of going to confession at the earliest opportunity. Pope Francis preached about this in a homily last month (<https://aleteia.org/2020/03/20/pope-addresses-what-to-do-since-many-cant-get-to-confession/>): "If you don't find a priest to go to confession, speak to God. He's your Father. Tell Him the truth: 'Lord. I did this and this and this. Pardon me.' Ask His forgiveness with all your heart with an act of contrition, and promise Him, 'Afterward I will go to confession.'"

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Divine Mercy Sunday

The Second Sunday of Eastertide is designated as Divine Mercy Sunday, a devotion originating in the visions of St Faustina Kowalska. A special service of Divine Mercy will be broadcast on the parish website and YouTube channel at 3pm.

Thursday 23 April: Bible Study

Our Bible study group will reconvene online at 7.30pm. We were studying the book of Genesis; but now we will start on St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. If you would like to join us, please contact the parish office for a link to the meeting.

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James Martin RIP

With sadness we report the death of our long-standing and hard-working parishioner James Martin. He was a regular at the 9am Mass, the secretary of the parish council, a safeguarding officer, and looked after financial things like the administration of Gift Aid. He died of cancer in Sobell House hospice late at night on Saturday 4 April. Please pray for him and also for his wife Thelma. May he rest in peace and rise in the glory of Christ.

His funeral service will be at South Oxfordshire Crematorium at 2pm on Thursday 30 April. Under current restrictions only a handful of people may attend, so it will be invited guests only. We will have a requiem Mass in the parish church for James when the restrictions on mass gatherings have been relaxed.

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Greyfriars Community Support

If you need to be at home for an extended period during these 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.

Oxford Community Emergency Foodbank (CEF)

With many people losing their jobs or suffering a decreased income because of the coronavirus restrictions, the foodbanks are busier than ever. If you are able to, please consider donating either money (<http://cefoxford.co.uk/donate.asp>) or food (to St Francis Church, Hollow Way OX3 7JP between 11 am and 2 pm on Mondays and Thursdays). If you are someone in need of help from the foodbank, please contact the parish office for a referral.

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Intercessory Prayer Group

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 people. We have started a parish Intercessory Prayer Group. Therefore, 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.

