

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

### Sunday 26 April 2020: Third Sunday of Easter (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday) Kieran Hughes  
9.00am Parishioners  
11.00am Br. Ade's intentions

### Monday 27 April

7.30am Prayers for Pereira Family

### Tuesday 28 April

7.30am Aham Eke RIP

### Wednesday 29 April *St Catherine of Siena*

7.30am Lost souls

### Thursday 30 April

7.30am James Martin RIP

### Friday 1 May *St Joseph the Worker*

7.30am *In honour of the Sacred Heart*

### Saturday 2 May *St Athanasius*

8.00am Mary & Michael Connors and Family

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

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

Peter Minoli, James Murphy, Mary Pearce, Mr O'Sullivan, Vera Ramsen, Elford Matthews, Bertram Peck, Michael Foley, Fr Mark Turnham Elvins OFM Cap., Patrick McDonagh, Jan Chlebrowski, & Alice Hill.

*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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## The Road to Emmaus



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2:14,22-33

Response: **Show us, Lord, the path of life.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

**Entrance Antiphon:** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

## Live-streaming of services

Sadly, because of the coronavirus pandemic, 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](http://www.greyfriarsoxford.weebly.com)) and also on the friars' YouTube channel ([www.youtube.com/user/CapuchinFranciscan](http://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.*

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## 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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## Thursday 30 April: James Martin RIP

The friars will offer Mass for James in their chapel at 7.30am. His funeral service will be at South Oxfordshire Crematorium at 2pm. 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. Please pray for him and also for his wife Thelma. May he rest in peace and rise in the glory of Christ.

## Christy Joyce RIP

Born on Christmas Day 1933, Christopher Joyce died on Divine Mercy Sunday 2020, after a week in the JR hospital being treated for COVID-19. Please pray for him and for his family – including his 13 children and more than 150 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. May he rest in peace and rise in the glory of Christ.



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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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## IF YOU GO INTO HOSPITAL

Under current safety rules, even priests are not allowed to visit people in hospital. Any pastoral support can only be done by phone. If you think you're likely to be going into hospital, do contact the parish office so that you can receive the Sacrament of the Sick beforehand. But in an emergency please call the ambulance first so that essential medical treatment is not delayed.

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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](mailto:GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com) or phone 07384 116920. All requests will be treated in strictest confidence.