

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

Sunday 3 May 2020: Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Br. Antony's intentions
9.00am	Parishioners
11.00am	James Martin RIP
Monday 4 May	English Martyrs
7.30am	Kieran Hughes
Tuesday 5 May	
7.30am	Katarzyna Lebkowska
Wednesday 6 May	
7.30am	Lost souls
Thursday 7 May	
7.30am	Vocations
Friday 8 May	
7.30am	Br. Antonio's intentions
Saturday 9 May	
8.00am	James Martin RIP

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

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

Elizabeth Ehrlich, Rose McCabe (Sr Stanislaw), Bridget Cummins, John Corley, Stuart Burden, Stephanie St Jean, Julia O'Brien, Michael Dancer, Jacqueline Hicks, Thomas Millward, Ann Green, Kathleen Mary Coble, James Murphy, Ellen Madden, Kathleen Finn, John Hanrahan, & John McTernan.

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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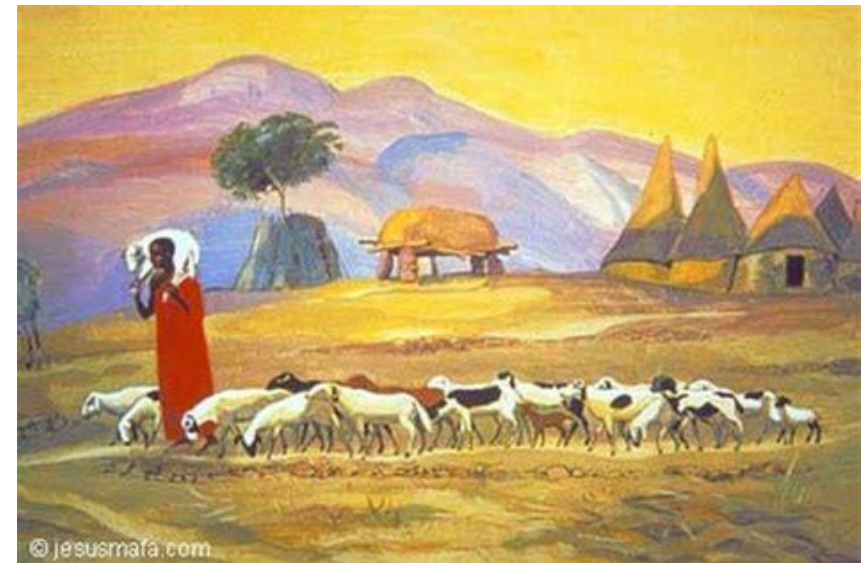
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1st Reading: Acts 2:14,36-41

Response: **The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.**

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, 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) 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.

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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 in late March (<https://aleteia.org/2020/03/20/pope-addresses-what-to-do-since-many-cant-get-to-confession/>).

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Today, Sunday 3 May: Vocations Sunday

Because the readings on the Fourth Sunday of Easter are all about Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we also take the opportunity to pray for more shepherds here on earth and for more friars, nuns, monks, and sisters. We pray in particular that God will raise up priests and religious from among our own parishioners.

Wednesday 6 May: YouChat Online

Our youth group has to gather via the internet for now. Meetings are on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. Contact the parish office for info about joining.

Thursday 7 May: Bible study online

The Bible study group also meets online. We will gather on Zoom to look at the second chapter of the First Letter to the Corinthians. If you would like to join us, please contact the parish office for a link to the meeting.

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.



Christy's funeral has been scheduled for Wednesday 27 May.

Under current restrictions it will be a graveside service with only immediate family attending. On 18 May, a month after his death, there will be a live-streamed Mass in his memory.

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 11am and 2pm 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.

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.