

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

Sunday 10 May 2020: Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)		Friars & Benefactors
9.00am		Br. Pradeep's intentions
11.00am		Parishioners
Monday 11 May	St Ignatius of Laconi	
7.30am		Lost souls
Tuesday 12 May	St Leopold Mandic	
7.30am		Kieran Hughes
Wednesday 13 May		
7.30am		Br. Aremiya's intentions
Thursday 14 May	St Matthias	
7.30am		All those suffering from COVID-19
Friday 15 May		
7.30am		NHS and all Medical Services
Saturday 16 May	St Margaret of Cortona	
8.00am		Secular Franciscan Order

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

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

Margaret Willoughby, Laurence Murphy, Colman Folan, Mary Nowland, Margaret West, Halcombe, Kenneth Walsh, Peppina Sordillo, & Denis Ferriter

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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1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Response: **May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.' Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, 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).

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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Wednesday 13 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 14 May: Funeral of Pauline Godber RIP

Pauline died on Monday 13 April, aged 98 years. She will be cremated after a short funeral service at Oxford Crematorium, 11.30am. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

Praying for our Muslim neighbours

A message from Br. Loarne: "When I was moved to Oxford our Provincial gave me a commission to evangelise Muslims. For Muslims this month of Ramadan (similar to our Lent) is a time of fasting and reaching out to God in a focussed way. As they try to be more open to Him, it is a great time for us to bless them and to pray that they may know Him fully through Christ. Will you join me in praying for them this Ramadan? A gentle prayer guide leaflet is available from www.30daysprayer.org.uk."

CAFOD emergency appeal

CAFOD launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30 April. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water and healthcare are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. The poorest and most marginalised communities will be pushed further into poverty. Your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever to help protect the lives of those in poor communities. While we are not able to hold physical collections in our church, you can donate as individuals at <http://cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal>.

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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. His funeral has been scheduled for Wednesday 27 May. Under current restrictions it will be a graveside service with only immediate family attending. On 19 May 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 email us at GreyFriarsIffley@gmail.com, so that we can contact you as and when help is needed.

Weddings and baptisms

Like other religious services, weddings and baptisms cannot be scheduled at the moment. But if you have a baby to be baptised or if you plan to get married, it's still worth contacting the parish office so that preliminary paperwork can be done. A date can then be arranged as soon as services are again permitted.

Domestic abuse

Since the UK-wide COVID-19 lockdown began on 23 March 2020, there has been a 49% increase in calls and online requests for help relating to domestic abuse. This makes an ever-present problem all the more urgent. If you are, or someone you know is, suffering abuse, a free helpline is 0808 200 0247. Other sources of help can be found here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/domestic-abuse/helplines-and-information/>.

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 for others as well. See 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.