

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

Sunday 17 May 2020: Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Our Lady of Guadalupe
9.00am	Parishioners
11.00am	Pereira Family (Georgina's 7th Birthday)
Monday 18 May	St Felix of Cantalice
7.30am	Lost souls
Tuesday 19 May	St Crispin of Viterbo
7.30am	Christy Joyce RIP
Wednesday 20 May	St Bernardine of Siena
7.30am	Kieran Hughes
Thursday 21 May	Ascension of the Lord
7.30am	Br. Ambrose's intentions
Friday 22 May	Blessed John Forest
7.30am	Peter Reilly's intentions
Saturday 23 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:

Agnes Moyles, Fred Fry, Yvonne East, Dr Evan James, Peter Ruane, Julia O'Dea, Lybert Lee, Kathleen Wood, Joanna Bishop, Brendon Barrett, Mikolay Bereznyj, & George Gardiner.

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 payable to 'Capuchin Oxford Parish'). Online donations can be made via the diocesan website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work>. Or contact us about bank transfer donations.

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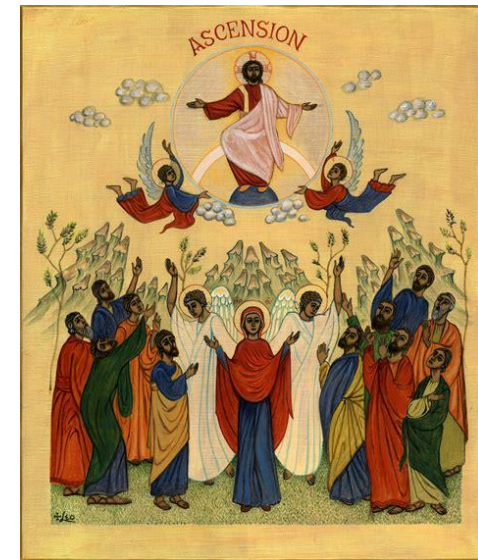
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1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Response: **Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.**

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Live-streaming of services

Our bishops have submitted to the government a plan to open our churches again—if only for private prayer at first. We await developments on that. For now, we continue to remember you all in our prayers, and we invite you to join us in spirit. We are also 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.

Confessions by appointment

Br. Paul is now available to hear confessions—albeit outside and socially-distanced. Please phone the parish office (01865 256750) to arrange an appointment.

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Tuesday 19 May: Memorial Mass for 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. At 7.30am on 19 May there will be a live-streamed Mass in his memory. His funeral has been scheduled for Wednesday 27 May. Under current restrictions it will be a graveside service with only immediate family attending.

Wednesday 20 May: East Timor Independence Day

We wish a happy Independence Day to our East Timorese parishioners. May the Lord bless you and your families and friends back in East Timor.

Also Wednesday 20 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 21 May: Ascension of the Lord

“At His Ascension our Lord entered Heaven, and He keeps the door open for humanity to enter.” (Oswald Chambers)

Also Thursday 21 May: Bible Study

We continue our study of St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, this week looking at Chapters 3 and 4. Please contact the parish office (ofmcaparish@gmail.com) for the link to the meeting, which will be on Zoom.

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Weddings and baptisms

Like most 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.

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.

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/>.

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>.

Friends of the Holy Land

On behalf of the parish, Br. Paul has donated £100 to *Friends of the Holy Land* (<https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/>), a charity that supports the Christians living in Bethlehem and other parts of the Holy Land.

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.