

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

Sunday 24 May 2020: Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Vocations
9.00am	Parishioners
11.00am	Herlander Pereira (84th Birthday)

Monday 25 May St Bede the Venerable

7.30am	Pereira Family Intention
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Tuesday 26 May St Philip Neri

7.30am	Kieran Hughes
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Wednesday 27 May St Augustine of Canterbury

7.30am	Lost souls
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Thursday 28 May

7.30am	Br. Ambrose's intentions
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Friday 29 May Pope St Paul VI

7.30am	Margaret Hoey
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Saturday 30 May

8.00am	Patrick McDonagh RIP (Anniversary)
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Please pray for those members of our community who are sick.

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

Thomas Hartnett, Patrick Moyles, Mary Budgen, William Grant, Enid Mahoney, Frederick Aldridge, James Livingstone, Thomas White, & Gregory Slattery.

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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SS Edmund and Frideswide Roman Catholic Church

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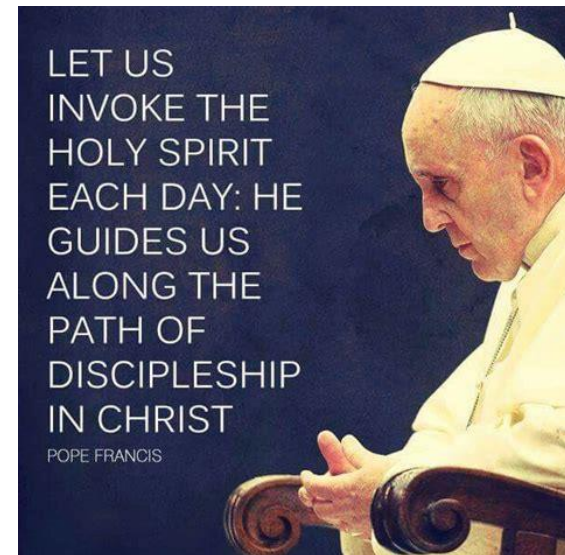
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1st Reading: Acts 1:12-14

Response: **I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.**

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Gospel: John 17:1-11

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, 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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Sunday 24 May: World Communications Day

World Communications Day 2020 comes along with much of the world remaining in lockdown as we attempt to recover from the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. The way we communicate in situations of self-isolation and separation has shifted from handshaking, hugging, and close contact to encounters through phone, tablet, and computer screens. The virtual has replaced the physical.

Pope Francis has devoted his message for the 54th World Communications Day to the theme of storytelling, and in particular the truth contained in 'good' stories (<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/wcd20/popes-comms-message-2020/>).

Wednesday 27 May: Funeral of 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 will be a graveside service with only immediate family attending.

Also Wednesday 27 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 28 May: Day of Prayer for Vocations

Parishes around the diocese take it in turns to have a day of Eucharistic Adoration praying for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, and it's our turn this Thursday. At the moment, however, we cannot welcome you into church to pray

before the Eucharist in this way. So we invite you to take some time at home to pray for vocations.

Oxford City-Wide Mission

This week would have seen the beginning of a three-week outreach to our neighbours, in conjunction with the other Catholic parishes and communities in Oxford. For obvious reasons, this has been postponed—probably to next year. But our usual everyday mission to spread the Gospel has not been postponed, and the current crisis is opening up new opportunities (<https://uevangelize.org/summitreplay/>). Watch this space!

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>.

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.