

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

Sunday 31 May 2020: Pentecost Sunday (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)		Br. Loarne's Intention
9.00am		Parishioners
11.00am		Margaret Hoey
Monday 1 June	Mary, Mother of the Church	
7.30am		Zofia Gudelska RIP
Tuesday 2 June	St Felix of Nicosia	
7.30am		Pereira Family in thanksgiving
Wednesday 3 June	St Charles Lwanga & Companions	
7.30am		Lost souls
Thursday 4 June	Jesus, Eternal High Priest	
7.30am		Br. Ade's Intention
Friday 5 June	St Boniface	
7.30am		Kieran Hughes
Saturday 6 June		
8.00am		Deceased Brothers

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

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

Una Riordan, Ellen Franklin, Kate Flanagan, Samuel Flynn, William Yardella, Joan Conway, Margaret Salcombe, Carmela Azzopardi, Augustus Quinn, Albertina Fernandez, & Thomas Connaughton.

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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1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Response: **Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Entrance Antiphon: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, 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 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 31 May: Pentecost

Fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead, He sent the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, enabling them to go out and proclaim His Good News. We pray that the Holy Spirit will do the same for us, inspiring us with new and courageous ways to communicate the Lord's message of hope.

Please pray in particular for the young people who would have received the sacrament of confirmation this weekend. May the delay only make them better prepared for this deeper gift of the Holy Spirit.

Also Wednesday 3 June: 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 4 June: Bible Study Online

We continue our study of St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, this week looking at Chapters 5 and 6. Please contact the parish office (ofmcaparish@gmail.com) for the link to the meeting, which will be on Zoom.

Looking further ahead:

Thursday 11 June: Funeral of Teresa Ann Gough RIP

One of the children brought up at Nazareth House on the Cowley Road, Teresa most recently lived at Iffley Residential Care Home. She died on 9th May at the age of 81. Her funeral will be at Oxford Crematorium.

Oxford City-Wide Mission

Before coronavirus intervened, this week was planned to be part of a three-week outreach to our neighbours, in conjunction with the other Catholic parishes and communities in Oxford. This Mission has been postponed—probably to next year. But our usual everyday mission to spread the Gospel has not been postponed, and new opportunities (see <https://uevangelize.org/summitreplay/>) are opening up in this crisis. 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.

Re-opening the church

With the bishops seeking government agreement for re-opening our churches, we shall need to comply with some hygiene and social distancing conditions. This will require volunteers to be stewards and cleaners. *Please let Br. Paul know if you're willing to help.* The more volunteers we have, the more the church can be open.

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.

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.

Gift Aid Scheme

As a member of this parish, if you pay tax on income, whether on wages, salaries or pensions, it is easy to increase the value of your weekly parish donation to the collection at no additional cost to yourself by signing up for the Gift Aid scheme. For more information, contact Thelma Martin at edward854@edward854.plus.com.

NB. If you are already a member of the scheme, it is important that you notify Thelma of any change of address. If we do not have accurate up-to-date records, the Revenue may withdraw from the parish the privilege of the Gift Aid scheme.