

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

Sunday 12 July 2020: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Vocations
9.00am	Felicia Van Cuylenburg RIP
11.00am	Kieran Hughes
5.30pm	Parishioners

Monday 13 July

7.30am	Deceased Brothers
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Tuesday 14 July *St Francis Solano*

7.30am	Br. Aremiya's intention
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Wednesday 15 July *St Bonaventure*

7.30am	Friars & benefactors
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Thursday 16 July

7.30am	Br. Pradeep's intention
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Friday 17 July *St Kenelm*

7.30am	Private intention
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Saturday 18 July

8.00am	Lost souls
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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:

Richard Breen, Patrick Flaherty, John Grandon, Clara Steed, Trevor Anthony Parry, Gloria Blach, & Margaret O'Callaghan.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

COLLECTIONS

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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Welcome
Home!

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The Parable of the Sower



1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Response: **Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.**

2nd Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Public Masses

Places of worship have been allowed to hold public services since Saturday 4 July. The Catholic bishops have issued a letter to us about this, stressing that there will still be no obligation on people to come to Mass at this stage (<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/archbishops-letter-on-resumption-of-collective-worship/>). But for those who wish to come, public Masses are being celebrated in our church. Sunday Masses are at 6.30pm on Saturday, and 9am, 11am, and 5.30pm on Sunday. Weekday Masses are at 7.30am Monday to Friday, and 8am on Saturday.

Coronavirus safeguards

Although we can welcome people for Mass and other services, the coronavirus has not gone away, so there are still precautions in place. Everyone attending Mass is required to keep at least one metre away from other people (except members of their own household) and to wear a face covering (apart from children under 5 or people with medical reasons not to wear a mask). It is good to bring your own face covering, but we can supply a face mask if need be. Further precautions include: no sign of peace, no singing, and no offertory collection (there will instead be a retiring collection). After each Mass the church has to be closed and cleaned.

Church opening times

Whenever there is Mass, the church will be open at least half an hour beforehand. In addition, the church will be open for private prayer from 5pm to 7pm Monday–Friday. In order to do this safely, we have volunteers to supervise the use of the church and to clean it afterwards. We are very grateful to all those who have volunteered.

Live-streaming of services

Mass and other services in the friary chapel continue to be broadcast via the internet. The live-stream can be found on the main page of our website (www.greyfriarsoxford.weebly.com) and also on the friars' YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/user/CapuchinFranciscan).

Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available in the church between 5.30pm and 6.15pm on Saturdays. If this is not convenient, Confession is available by appointment. Please phone the parish office (01865 256750).

This week:

Sunday 12 July: Sea Sunday

On 12 July Christians around the world will celebrate Sea Sunday. However, in the light of the continued uncertainty around coronavirus, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have decided to postpone Sea Sunday 2020 from July 12 to December. The date has not yet been finalised, but it is likely to be either Sunday 13 or Sunday 20 December. Meanwhile, we urge you to continue to pray for seafarers and

fishers and their families, many of whom are facing financial and personal difficulties during these challenging times.

Wednesday 15 July: YouChat Online

Our youth group is still gathering via the internet. Meetings are on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. Contact the parish office for info about joining the meeting.

Thursday 16 July: Bible Study Online

Our Bible study group is a friendly space to explore the word of God. No previous study is required. At the moment we are going through St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, and this week we reach chapters 10 and 11. Please contact the parish office for the link to join the meeting, which is being held on Zoom for the time being.

Anthony Joyce RIP

Please pray for the soul of Anthony Joyce, who died tragically on the morning of Saturday 27 June, and for his family. His funeral has been scheduled for 11am on Thursday 23 July.

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.

Greyfriars Community Support

If you are still 'shielding' or self-isolating 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.

Greyfriars Outreach

Some of you may have noticed something new on the railings outside Greyfriars. We have put up a beautiful set of literature holders to make the Gospels and other Catholic information available to the public. Even during lockdown, it has been proving very popular. Could you help us keep this mission going? We need to raise about £100 per month to keep the display well-stocked. If you would like to make a donation, kindly mark it: "Greyfriars Outreach". Thank you.

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.

