

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

Sunday 19 July 2020: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Anne and Andrew Wilkinson
9.00am	Parishioners
11.00am	Lost souls
5.30pm	Adelina Hall RIP [1st Anniversary]
Monday 20 July	Rozalina D'Souza RIP [2nd Anniversary]
7.30am	
Tuesday 21 July	<i>St Lawrence of Brindisi</i>
7.30am	Birthday
Wednesday 22 July	<i>St Mary Magdalen</i>
7.30am	Friars & benefactors
Thursday 23 July	<i>St Bridget of Sweden</i>
7.30am	Kieran Hughes
Friday 24 July	
7.30am	Breda Bagley [Anniversary]
Saturday 25 July	<i>St James</i>
8.00am	Thanksgiving

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

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

Gladys Fegan, Ethel Hamilton, Casey, Brendan Mills, Michael Lydon, Janet Quinlan, Joseph Cummins, Anastasia Gorlack, Sarah Ferrett, Dumbrell, Margaret Barrett, Giuseppina Rowles, & Helena Teofila Forkun.

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

COLLECTIONS

Last two weeks' collections:

<i>Offertory 5 July</i>	£486.78	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£733.00
<i>Offertory 12 July</i>	£214.84	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£181.00

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Welcome
Home!

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The parable of the wheat and the weeds



1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13,16-19

Response: **O Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

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, emphasizing 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 19 July: First Holy Communions

During the lockdown our children have been continuing their preparation for First Holy Communion, meeting our catechists over WhatsApp. Normally they would receive First Holy Communion in a big celebration during one of our main Sunday Masses; but because of the restricted capacity of the church at the moment they will be distributed among three special Masses, the first of which is this afternoon. Please

join them in prayer. Here are the prayers of the children receiving First Holy Communion this afternoon:

Pray for the poor to have money. Pray for the sick to get better. Pray for our family to stay safe and not get sick. Pray for the church to open.

Dear God, please send a miracle down to help Aunt Berns/Mama Berns solve her money problems.

Dear God, we pray for everyone around us and the people who have passed away. Please protect the people we care about from the germ Covid 19. We pray for the nurses, doctors, and all the people who work in the hospital. Please help everyone to stop Covid 19 so we can get back to school and work. We pray for our families and our friends.

Wednesday 22 July: Reception of the body of 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 body will be received into our church at 5pm.

Thursday 23 July: Funeral of Anthony Joyce RIP

At 11am we celebrate a funeral Mass for Anthony, asking the Lord to have mercy on him and to console his family. He will be buried at Wolvercote Cemetery at 1.30pm. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



Intercessory Prayer Group

If you would like us to pray for somebody or for anything else, 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 very popular. 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.

Disasters Emergency Committee: Coronavirus Appeal

Many people in places like Yemen, Syria and Somalia are already vulnerable because of war and hunger, and now they face the new danger of COVID-19. If you are able to donate, please visit <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/coronavirus-appeal>.