

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 26 July 2020: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Friars and Benefactors
9.00am	James & Thelma Martin
11.00am	Silvey & Stacy Da Cunha
5.30pm	Parishioners

Monday 27 July

7.30am	Mrs. Frances Adams
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Tuesday 28 July

7.30am	Vocations
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Wednesday 29 July *St Martha*

7.30am	Lost souls
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Thursday 30 July

7.30am	Pereira Family: Birthday of Bonnie
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Friday 31 July *St Ignatius Loyola*

7.30am	Kieran Hughes
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Saturday 1 August *St Alphonsus Liguori*

8.00am	Souls of Ruth and Joel
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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:

Patrick O'Hara, Bridget Hughes, Margaret Quiry, Patrick Wallace, Ellen Cahalin, Laurette Lecomte-Peacock, Gordon Bagshall, Andrew Dancs, & Helen Mirrlees.

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

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection:

<i>Offertory 19 July</i>	£399.61	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£304.00
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SS Edmund and Frideswide Roman Catholic Church

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The parable of the pearl of great price



1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Response: **Lord, how I love your law!**

2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Entrance Antiphon: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Friars on holiday

Br. Paul will be taking a break from 27 July until 8 August. During this time, please address any urgent parish matters to Br. Charles (he can be contacted via the parish office). Other friars are or will be on holiday over the coming weeks, so the friary is short-staffed and we cannot guarantee that the doorbell or phone will be answered.

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Public Masses

Places of worship have been allowed to hold public services since Saturday 4 July. The Catholic bishops have emphasised that there is still no obligation on people to come to Mass at this stage. 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 preferable for you to bring your own face covering, but we can supply a face mask if need be.

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 will 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 (in the Lady Chapel) between 5.30pm and 6.15pm on Saturdays.

This week:

Sunday 26 July: First Holy Communions

This afternoon, another group of our children will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time. Please join them in prayer. Here are the prayers that they have written for the occasion:

Dear God I pray that coronavirus will stop so that we can see our families again.

Dear Lord, please help us with COVID 19 so that not many more people die. Please also help those people that are less fortunate than us.

Dear God, help me to be nice to my sister and to help around the house more.

Dear God I pray for my family and for coronavirus to stop.

Wednesday 29 July: YouChat Online

During the summer holidays our youth group is meeting every other week. But as usual the meetings will be on Zoom between 7.30 and 8.30pm (the virtual doors open at 7.20pm). Please email greyfriarszoom@gmail.com if you want to join in.

Bible Study

Our Bible study group normally meets every other Thursday, but is taking a break for the summer.

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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 were 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>.

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Website of the week

Ethical Consumer (<https://www.ethicalconsumer.org/>) is a very useful one-stop shop for researching the most ethically-responsible purchases. We followed its recommendations, for example, in buying a new phone for parish and friary use. By shopping ethically as a parish we aim to model what we should all be doing as individuals.