

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

### Sunday 16 August 2020: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6.30pm (Saturday)	Vocations
9.00am	Marie Lennon
11.00am	Parishioners
5.30pm	Mateus Da Costa

### Monday 17 August

7.30am Joycer, Winnie & Family

### Tuesday 18 August

7.30am Geraldine & Jimmy

### Wednesday 19 August *St Louis of Anjou*

7.30am Patrick Downes RIP  
(Anniversary)

### Thursday 20 August *St Bernard*

7.30am Lost souls

### Friday 21 August *St Pius X*

7.30am Kieran Hughes

### Saturday 22 August *Our Lady, Queen of Heaven*

8.00am Friars and Benefactors

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

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

Bridget Pollard, Rose Kore, Phyllis Cooke, Noel McCabe, Robert Bonney, Patrick Milmore, Patrick Downes, Michael Kenny, & Raymond Inseal.

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

## COLLECTIONS

### Recent collections:

<i>Offertory 26 July</i>	£244.73	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£395.00
<i>Offertory 2 August</i>	£347.38	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£32.00
<i>Offertory 9 August</i>	£359.87	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	-

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### SS Edmund and Frideswide Roman Catholic Church

Iffley Road, Oxford OX4 1SB

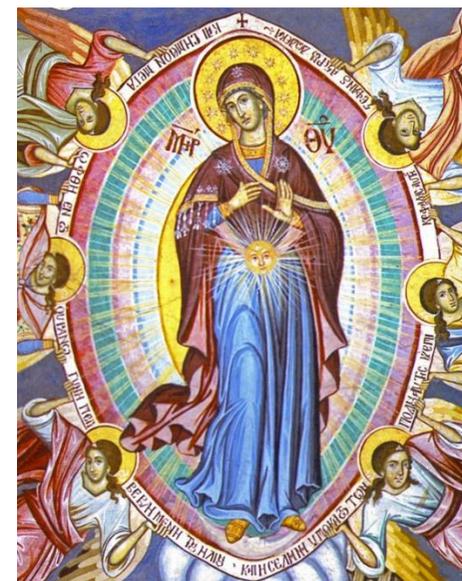
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1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10

Response: **On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

**Entrance Antiphon:** A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. **Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Mary has been taken up to heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

## Friars on holiday

Some of the brothers are or will be on holiday over the coming weeks, so the friary is short-staffed and we cannot always guarantee that the doorbell or phone will be answered.



## 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 continues to be broadcast via the internet. The live-stream can be found on the main page of our website ([www.greyfriarsoxford.weebly.com](http://www.greyfriarsoxford.weebly.com)) and also on the friars' YouTube channel ([www.youtube.com/user/CapuchinFranciscan](http://www.youtube.com/user/CapuchinFranciscan)).

## Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available in the church (in the Lady Chapel) between 5.30pm and 6.15pm on Saturdays.



*This week:*

## Sunday 16 August: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

There are many feasts of Our Lady through the year, but this is the only one that is—under normal circumstances—a holy day of obligation (i.e. a day on which Catholics are expected to attend Mass). It is the culmination of everything that God did for the Mother of His Son—He raised her body as well as her soul to be with Jesus in heaven.

## Also Sunday 16 August: Baptism of James Fernandes

Please pray for little James and his family, as he is baptised and becomes a son of God.



## Belonging & Believing

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? In September we will begin a course for people to find out more about the faith and possibly be baptised or received into the Church at Easter (this course is sometimes called RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Under the circumstances, most of the course will be online. Please contact Br. Paul via the parish office to find out more and/or register to come.



## Intercessory Prayer Group

If you would like us to pray for somebody or for anything else, please email [GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Beirut Explosion

After the terrible disaster in Lebanon, the parish is donating one third of last week's collection to Bishop Cesar Essayan, a Franciscan bishop in Lebanon who runs a charity that provides much needed help for the people of Beirut. Some parishioners have made extra contributions, bringing the total parish donation to £320. If you would like to make your own independent direct donation, please visit <https://equalngo.org/2020/08/08/1335/>.



## Website of the week

During the lockdown a number of parishioners have followed the live stream of *Walsingham's National Shrine of Our Lady* (<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>). The website is also worth visiting if you're thinking of a pilgrimage to Walsingham. And you might recognise some of the friars there as ones who were here in Oxford not long ago.

