

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 23 August 2020: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)	For Peace
9.00am	Parishioners
11.00am	Ladislav Nagy & Hilda Nagyova
5.30pm	Adelina Hall RIP & Family

Monday 24 August St Bartholomew

7.30am	Private Intention
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Tuesday 25 August St Louis, King of France

7.30am	Pereira Family
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Wednesday 26 August Blessed Dominic Barberi

7.30am	Vocations
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Thursday 27 August St Monica

7.30am	Kieran Hughes
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Friday 28 August St Augustine

7.30am	Adriano Candid Ximenes Mana De Araujo [Birthday]
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Saturday 29 August Beheading of St John the Baptist

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:

Anne Kelly, Kazimierz Heller, Maureen Prenderville, Martin Cahalin, Elizabeth Pearson, & Leo Jones.

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

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection:

Offertory 16 August £555.73 + *Gift-aided* £28.00

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The Keys of the Kingdom



1st Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Response: **Your love, O Lord, is eternal: discard not the work of your hands.**

2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Friars on holiday

Some of the brothers are or will be on holiday this week, 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, 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 (although some people are exempt from this requirement: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>). 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) and also on the friars' YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/user/CapuchinFranciscan).

Please see the notice in the church porch for more details and what to do if you don't wish to appear on the live stream.

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 23 August: Baptism of Vinicius Rodrigues

The lockdown has left us with a backlog of babies waiting to be baptised. This week it's the turn of little Vinicius. Please pray for him and his family as he becomes one with Christ's death and resurrection.

Wednesday 26 August: 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.



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 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.

Holy Communion for the Housebound

Please let Br. Paul know if you or a loved one cannot attend Mass and he can arrange Holy Communion at home. The priest or Eucharistic minister will wear a face mask, sanitise their hands, and observe social distancing as much as possible.



Beirut Appeal

After a few more donations, our parish contribution to help the people of Beirut added up to £510. And we know some people have made direct donations to the charity we're supporting (EQUAL: <https://equalngo.org/2020/08/08/1335/>). Thank you again for your generosity.



Website of the week

Calix (<https://www.calixsociety.org/>) is an association of Catholic alcoholics, drug addicts, and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12-Step program. Their nearest location is London; but nowadays they also hold online meetings.