

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 20 September 2020: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday) Br. Lucjan's intention
 9.00am Vocations
 11.00am Parishioners
 5.30pm Adelina Hall RIP & family

Monday 21 September St Matthew

7.30am All lost souls

Tuesday 22 September St Ignatius of Santhia Souls of the dead
 7.30am from Covid -19

Wednesday 23 September St Pio of Pietrelcina Jimmy & Geraldine
 7.30am O'Leary & Family

**Thursday 24 September Our Lady
 of Walsingham** Vocations

Friday 25 September
 7.30am Kieran Hughes

Saturday 26 September
 8.00am Mrs Lourdes Fernando RIP

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

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

William Simpson, Kevin Henry, John Lynch, Ellen Bridgwater, Kathleen Brennan, Edith McArdle, Michael Flanagan, & Mary Cooper.

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

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection:

<i>Offertory 13 September</i>	£413.47	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£88.00
<i>Online donations</i>	£70.00	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£210.00

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Workers in the vineyard



1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Response: **The Lord is close to all who call him.**

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:20-24,27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Mick Henry RIP

Michael Henry (usually known as Mick) was a regular Mass-goer here until both lockdown and ill health got in the way. He has died at the age of 80 and his funeral will be this Thursday (please see the separate notice opposite for more details). May God grant him eternal rest and console his family.

Mary Gaffey RIP

The mother of five little children, Mary died suddenly on Tuesday. Please pray for her family—especially her husband and the children, but also everyone else at Redbridge who will greatly miss her. May she rest in peace.

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Church opening times

Public Masses are as normal this week, with the church opening half an hour beforehand. 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. The church will also be open on weekday evenings for private prayer, 5pm–7pm.

Coronavirus safeguards

We welcome people for Mass and other services, but precautions are still in place. Those attending Mass must keep at least one metre away from other people (except members of their own household) and wear a face covering (unless exempted 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.

Live-streaming of services

Mass continues to be broadcast via the internet. The live stream can be found on our website (www.greyfriarsoxford.weebly.com) and 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 20 September: Collection for the Holy Places

This collection would normally take place on Good Friday, but had to be postponed. In keeping with the coronavirus safeguards, we will not hold a separate collection but will instead set aside a third of the Sunday collection for the Holy Places.

Also Sunday 20 September: First Holy Communions

This afternoon, some of our children will be receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. Please pray that this will bring them closer to Him.

Wednesday 23 September: YouChat Online

Our youth group is back to weekly meetings after a lighter schedule over the summer. But with the ongoing concerns over the coronavirus, the meetings are still via Zoom (so still no pizza, sorry!). The theme during this month is 'The Holy Spirit in our lives'. Contact the parish office if you want to join in.

Thursday 24 September: Funeral of Mick Henry

Mick's requiem Mass will be at 1pm in our church, followed by a brief cremation service at 2.30pm. Unfortunately, due to current restrictions on numbers, only family and close friends will be attending the funeral.

Next weekend: 'Together in Faith' - a parish survey

At Greyfriars, we believe that it's important to know you better and to try to improve the way we serve you. So we will be inviting all our congregation to take part in a survey. The survey form will be published on the internet and in paper copies, and of course your individual replies will be treated in confidence.

Thursday 1 October: Belonging & Believing

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? At 7.30pm on 1 October 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.) It is also suitable for people returning to the Church after a long time. Under the current 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.

The Season of Creation (1 September-4 October) also continues

This annual celebration unites Christians in prayer and action for the protection of our common home. The season finishes on 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. See <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/environment/season-of-creation/>.

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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 and need help with shopping or an errand, please let us know at GreyFriarsIffley@gmail.com or on 01865 256750 or 07917 562661. To reduce any risk of infection, shopping etc. would be left on the doorstep.

Website of the week

Do you worry about how much someone drinks? Have you been hurt by a drinker's behaviour? *Al-Anon* (<https://www.al-anonuk.org.uk/>) offers help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics.