

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 4 October 2020: Solemnity of St Francis of Assisi	
6.30pm (Saturday)	Luciana Da Silva RIP
9.00am	Margaret Anne & Mary K. Colton RIP
11.00am	SFO Oxford
5.30pm	Parishioners
Monday 5 October	All deceased Capuchins
7.30am	Thanksgiving for the Children
Tuesday 6 October	
7.30am	All lost souls
Wednesday 7 October	Our Lady of the Rosary
7.30am	Isabella's Birthday, David & Family
Thursday 8 October	
7.30am	Friars & Benefactors
Friday 9 October	St John Henry Newman
7.30am	Horacio Da Casta, Fransisku Dos Reis Amaral, & Tarcisio Dos Reis Amaral RIP
Saturday 10 October	
8.00am	Our Lady on Saturday Vocations

**Please pray for those members of our community who are sick.
Pray, too, for those whose anniversaries occur about this time, including:**
Catherine Drennan, Hilda Sidthorp, Paul Dabney, & Agnes Morris.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

COLLECTIONS

Last week's collection:

<i>Offertory 27 September</i>	£399.68	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£48.00
<i>Online donations</i>	£30.00	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£460.00

Special collection this week: Fr Hudson's Care

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1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 50:1,3-4,6-7

Response: **O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup.**

2nd Reading: Galatians: 6:14-18

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Entrance Antiphon: Let us all rejoice in the Lord, and keep a festival in honour of blessed Francis. Let us join with the angels in joyful praise of the Son of God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Francis, poor and lowly, enters heaven rich in virtue, greeted with celestial hymns. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Francis rejoiced in sharing the sufferings of Christ. Now he rejoices exultantly in the revelation of the glory of Christ.

Continuing this 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 are inviting all our congregation to take part in a survey. The survey form is on the internet (see our website) and in paper copies, and of course your individual replies will be treated in confidence.



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). Bring your own face covering if possible, please, 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:

Saturday 3 October: Transitus of St Francis

The Conventual Franciscans and members of the Secular Franciscans will join us at 5.30pm in the church to commemorate the death of St Francis of Assisi in the evening of 3 October 1226. Everyone else is welcome to come as well.

Sunday 4 October: Feast of St Francis

Because this feast is a solemnity for us as a Franciscan church, all the Sunday Masses will celebrate St Francis. In addition, at the 5.30pm Mass we will have a guest preacher: Fr Oliver Keenan of the Dominicans at Blackfriars.

Also on Sunday 4 October: Collection for Fr Hudson’s Care

We have a collection for Father Hudson’s Care, which supports vulnerable people across the Archdiocese of Birmingham (<https://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk/>). If you would like to donate, please use the envelopes provided at the back of church. Or please call 01675 434000 if you would like to donate outside of Mass this year.

Also on Sunday 4 October: Parish social online (7.30pm)

The St Francis celebrations include an informal gathering on Zoom—a chance to chat, catch up with old friends, and make new ones. If you want to come but are not on the mailing list, let us know so we can send you the link. Bring your own bottle/cake!

Tuesday 6 October: School of Prayer—Your Word is Light and Hope

For all seeking a personal relationship with God or to deepen their prayer life, this School of Prayer is a space to listen to, absorb, and meditate on God’s Word in our hearts, and incarnate that Word in our lives. The course (currently to be held online) has eleven stand-alone sessions, so you can just drop in. This term (Tuesdays from 6 October to 1 December, 7-8.30pm) focuses on examples of Old Testament people: from Abraham to Mary. To register please contact greyfriarszoom@gmail.com.

Wednesday 7 September: YouChat Online (7.20-8.30pm)

Our youth group currently meets on the internet via Zoom. The theme this week is ‘What happens at Confirmation’. Contact the parish office if you want to join in.

Thursday 8 October: Belonging & Believing (7.30pm)

Interested in the Catholic faith? On Thursdays we have a course for people to find out more about what we believe, 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. Most of the course will be online. Please contact Br. Paul to find out more and/or register to come.

Friday 9 October: CAFOD Family Fast Day

On Family Fast Day we are invited to give up something and contribute what we save for the work of CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development. You can make contributions at Masses on 24 and 25 October. You can also text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10. Or you can donate online by going to <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.



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

As the first beatified/canonised person to have designed a website, Carlo Acutis (<https://carloacutis-en.org/>) could be the patron saint of websites. His beatification is on Saturday 10 October in Assisi.