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Pentecost (Year B)
19th May 2024

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Lectio Divina Prayer Group – continues on Monday 20th May at 5.30pm at Greyfriars Library. Gospel reading John 15:26-27;16:12-15. Br Martin Sanderson will continue to lead future sessions as and when his ministry permits. In Br Martin's absence, Helen and Yvette will administer to the Group. For more information, email: iffleycross@gmail.com.

Dominicans' annual trip to Walsingham - Date: 19th May; Cost: £25 per person, and bring a packed lunch. The coach will leave Blackfriars, St Giles, at **7.30am**. Mass will take place at 12 noon and will leave Walsingham about 4.30pm, so as to return to Oxford for around 8 or 8.30pm. Email Br Bede Mullens to reserve a place: bede.mullens@english.op.org. All welcome!

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Reflection on Saturday 25 May 2024 from 1 pm to 4:30 pm at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 115 Headley Way, Headington, Oxford, OX3 7SS. The Reflection will include the Holy Rosary, teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

Our Lady's Pilgrim Statue – On the weekend of the 25th/26th May we will once again bless Our Lady's Pilgrim Statue at all our Masses. Thanks to the members of the Legion of Mary she has been visiting and blessing homes within our parish. If you'd like to host the statue in your own home please get in touch.

First Holy Communion – Soon a group of children will receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time on Sunday 2nd June at our 11am Mass. Please pray for them and their families as they make their final preparations for this joyful occasion.

Oxford North Deanery Year of Prayer 2024 - monthly Deanery talks:

All sessions (except May and June) from 7.00pm – 8.00pm in the various Parishes/ locations indicated:

Sunday June 16th Fr. Paul Whieldon (4.30pm St. Joseph's, Carterton)

Tuesday July 9th Fr. Nicholas Crowe OP (Blackfriars)

Tuesday September 24th Fr. Damian Howard SJ (Corpus Christi, Headington – live-streaming available)

Wednesday October 23rd Fr. Joe Evans (Opus Dei – Holy Rood, Abingdon Road)

Volunteers needed – we are looking for people to help with various roles within the church: readers; greeters; cleaners and flower arrangers. If you are interested in any of these, please speak with one of the friars after Mass or email the parish: ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk. Thanking you in advance.

Refreshments – a reminder that there are no refreshments this weekend due to Oxford Artweeks exhibiting. Thank you for your understanding. All are welcome to visit the local artists.

Cafod Sudan Appeal - millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal in church or at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

Parish Donations

First Collection: £381.99

Gift Aid: £70

Catholic Communications: £155.40

St. Anthony's Bread: £23.01

Candles: £33.69

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish, also to those of you who also contribute on-line and via the contactless payment machine.

Collections – a reminder that we cannot bank foreign coins, so would be grateful if they are not put in the collections. Thank you in advance.

Intercessory Prayers - 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.

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially Therese O'Malley, Aline Beaupiere, Margaret Corcoran, Oonagh Clarkson, Albert Paintin, Gillian Mellor, Br. Michael Hargan, Ewan Williams, Anne Wilkinson, John Roche and Bernadette O'Reilly. If you are aware of somebody in our community who is sick and in need of our prayers, please ask them to contact the parish.

Prayer for the Diocesan Vision

Spirit of God, descend on me this day. Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me, the Spirit of hope to inspire me, the Spirit of love to surround me and the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path. Holy Spirit, I pray for a new outpouring of your grace, so that I may grow in worship of your name in love of you in my prayer and in my actions towards others. Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me. Strengthen and defend me, so that I may be drawn ever closer to you. Help me this day and always to be a channel of grace in all I say and do and invite others into relationship with you. Amen

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Anne Harpin. She can be contacted at: sg.ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

The Mass Times

Pentecost, 19th May 2024 (Year B)		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Parishioners	
9.00 a.m.	Catherine Godfrey R.I.P.	
11.00 a.m.	C.M.A.	
5.30 p.m.	Armando Martuis R.I.P. and other departed family members	
Monday 20th		<i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Paddy & AnneMarie Joyce & family 2) Good health & safe delivery	
Tuesday 21st		
7.30 a.m.	1) Darlene Letey 2) Pious Union	
Wednesday 22nd		<i>Bl. John Forest</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Kieran Hughes 2) Thanksgiving for a house	
Thursday 23rd		<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Wendy Howard Birthday 2) Healing for Thomas Gaughan	
Friday 24th		<i>Dedication of the Basilica of St. Francis</i>
7.30 a.m.	Darlene Letey	
Saturday 25th		<i>St. Bede the Venerable</i>
8.00 a.m.	Winnie's Int.	
6.30 p.m.	Sabrina Collins R.I.P.	

Sacrament of Penance (Confession): Saturdays 11am-12noon, 5.30pm-6.15pm and by appointment.