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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) – 13th June 2021

1st Reading – Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm – It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

2nd Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Gospel – Mark 4:26-34

This Sunday, our Archbishop Bernard is setting before us an invitation to renewal. For the Archdiocese to be renewed means for all of us to be renewed. That journey is both a personal one and that of the whole community. We know that the lifting of restrictions may be delayed due to the latest variant of the virus, but we can use this moment to reflect on the experience of the pandemic and what we have learned from it in order to look ahead with greater hope. I encourage you to read the Archbishop's letter that will be available on our website, to look at the Archdiocese's website too with the relevant information as it appears there in the coming weeks concerning our intention to be renewed in our life of faith. In the mean-time the Archbishop is encouraging us to reflect on the following aspects of the diocesan mission:

Evangelisation, Formation, Liturgy and Worship, Social Outreach.

On the way out of church there will be some prayer cards available so we can support the mission of the Archdiocese with prayer. Please take one and use it as part of your family prayer.

Speaking of diocesan renewal, we as Capuchins are also in the process of undergoing more changes. On Saturday 19th June we will have an on-line ceremony during which the current British Province will become a Delegation of the Irish Province. It is a historic moment as the English Province came into being on the 1st August 1873. It is a sign of our diminishing numbers in the UK, and our ever-greater reliance on friars from other countries to support our continued presence and ministry in the UK. Apart from that historic occasion we will also have some changes in our fraternity here in Oxford. Br. Martin Sanderson, our newly ordained priest will be joining us here by the 12th July and will become the guardian of our fraternity. Near the end of July Br. Lucjan will be taking his well-deserved sabbatical until Easter 2022. Brs. Antonio, Antony, Pradeep live in hope of visiting their families this summer in Italy and India and please God will be able to travel by the end of this month. We ask your prayers for their safety and blessings during their time away. We as friars are extremely grateful for your support, generosity, and kindness.

Baptismal Preparation – Our next session for parents who are preparing for their child's baptism will take place this Sunday 13th June at 3pm. The meeting will take place in the church. Please email or get in touch with the office to let me know you will be attending.

Happy Feast Day! – This Sunday is the 13th June which means only one thing – it is the feast of St. Anthony of Padua. Our Lord is more important and therefore we are not celebrating St. Anthony this year at Mass. However, we are celebrating the feast day of Br. Antony and Br. Antonio. Pray for them today, the more the better! May the Lord continue to bless them and guide them in the Capuchin way of life.

Readers – I would like to invite all those who read the Word of God during our Masses for a couple of hours of prayer / reflection on Saturday 26th June at 4pm in the church. It will be a great time to meet all of you, and hopefully a good opportunity to remind ourselves of the important ministry that you do for the community. I look forward to meeting all of you, as well as anyone who may be interested in reading during Mass. If you cannot attend, please let me know.

Day for Life – Next weekend we will be celebrating a Day for Life. We will have a second collection to fund the work of organizations that support the dignity of human life and the Church's teaching. Your prayers and your generosity will help the Church's campaign to oppose the Bill on assisted suicide.

Franciscan Spirituality Sessions – Our next session will be on Friday 18th June at 7.30pm. I will be sharing the Franciscan spiritual journey according to St. Bonaventure's 'Itinerarium Mentis in Deum'. It is a short piece of writing commonly translated as the soul's journey into God. A reflection of a saint on the spiritual life of another saint – aimed at helping all of us to deepen our love and experience of God in everyday life.

Held on Zoom. Meeting ID **845 9492 0169** Passcode **934692**
Open to everyone, invite your friends.

CAFOD Thank You - Thanks to your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. In Zambia for instance, in the past year we've been able to reach 1,234,200 people with messages on COVID-19, provide 13,312 people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities and donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside our brothers and sisters in Zambia and for supporting people in more than 30 other countries worldwide.

CAFOD Campaign to Reclaim our common home - Cafod have launched a campaign 'to reclaim our common home' in advance of the G7 meeting in June of leaders from seven of the world's richest countries under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister and the COP26 climate talks in November also under Mr Johnson's chairmanship. The aim of the campaign is to bring before our political leaders in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic the plight of the poorest nations of the world and to adopt measures to help rebuild them by ending unjust debt repayment and tackling the climate crisis.

The easiest way to sign the petition is to do so online at <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home>

Parish donations – Our website provides you with details of how you can support our parish financially during this time, whether you are a member of our GIFT AID scheme or not. If you are a tax payer, please take a moment to fill in the relevant form you will find on our website – all at no cost to yourself, but helping us immensely. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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.

Diocesan Newsletter

To keep up-to-date with all the latest news, information and online events from across the Archdiocese and beyond please sign up to the newsletter, issued every few weeks via email.

Please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news to sign up.

Important information for EU Citizens

30th June: There's a Very Important Deadline Looming!

Please spread the word. There are just over three weeks to go. EU citizens who do not register an application for Settled Status before 30th June may find their freedom to live and work in the UK is jeopardised. It applies regardless of how long you have been resident in the UK; it **also applies to children born here of EU citizens, and non-EU family members of EU citizens.**

You can read more on this Government website

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

You can ask for help with your application at Europa Welcome, a branch of Asylum Welcome, based in East Oxford. They can help with language problems and have information on their website in Romanian, Portuguese, Spanish, Italian, and **Tetum**, the language of East Timor, many of whose citizens hold Portuguese passports. Here is the website for Europa Welcome: <https://www.asylum-welcome.org/europa->

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NB The information above does **NOT** apply to Irish citizens as they are covered by the Common Travel Area legislation and do not need to apply for Settled Status.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 13th June

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9.00am	Holy Souls
11.00am	Parishioners
5.30pm	Tony Roche R.I.P.

Monday 14th June

7.30am	Sean Finlay
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Tuesday 15th June

7.30am	Holy Souls
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Wednesday 16th June

7.30am	Kieran Hughes
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Thursday 17th June

7.30am	C.M.A.
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Friday 18th June

Anniversary of Dedication of the Cathedral, Feast

7.30am	Br. Antonio's Intentions
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Saturday 19th June

8.00am	Peter McQuitty R.I.P.
6.30pm	Bridget O'Shea

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially **Therese O'Malley**. 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 or let us have their contact details.