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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) **25th June 2023**

1st Reading – Jeremiah 20:10-13

Psalm – In your great love, answer me, O God.

2nd Reading – St Paul to the Romans 5:12-15

Gospel – Matthew 10:26-33

Solemnity of Ss. Peter & Paul, Holyday of Obligation – This solemnity falls on this Thursday. Apart from the usual morning Mass, there will be an evening Mass at 7.00pm. Please ensure you participate in the Mass that day. There will be a Mass celebrated at Greyfriars secondary school that morning for the children and staff.

Thank you – to all those who organised the Greyfriars Parish family event and to those who attended. We were treated to some very delicious dishes, which were enjoyed by all and the weather was kind to us! A very enjoyable afternoon.

Second Collection for Peter's Pence – Please note that there will be a second collection at all Masses next weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

Oxford Pro-Life Rosary Witness - On Saturday 1st July we invite all pro-lifers to join us in the centre of Oxford to publicly recite and witness to the power of the Rosary for the end of Abortion, and in defence of life. We will be meeting at 12pm, outside the Clarendon building at 48 Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3AZ. There will be

an opportunity to find out how to be more active in the prolife movement. For more info contact Catherine Rymell at catherinerymell2@gmail.com.

Pope's Prayer Intention for July: For a Eucharistic life – We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Would you like to grow in holiness? Have you ever wanted to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and didn't know how to go about it? Do you leave Mass thinking, I wish I had more time to 'ponder' on the Gospel? Then you need to join our *lectio divina* (divine word) prayer group, which aims to follow the Church Fathers, by reading Scripture in small groups, by imitating our Mother in pondering the Word of the Lord, and by allowing the Holy Spirit to speak to us in the silence of our hearts. Led by Br. Martin Sanderson, the group will meet in the friary library on Mondays 17.30-19.00, for six weeks. Next meeting will be Monday 26th June. Br. Martin will read an extract from the Bible: the Gospel reading for the following Sunday.

Would you like to know more? Email: iffleycross@gmail.com.

Deanery Vocations Mass – There will be a Deanery Mass for Vocations on Monday July 10th at 7.00pm at Blessed Dominic Barberi Church, Littlemore. July is the month for Oxford North Deanery to pray and promote vocations. All are invited to attend, it would be good to see our parish represented.

Survive-Miva Appeal - Survive-Miva is a Catholic Lay Association and a Registered Charity founded in Liverpool in 1974. They exist to provide funding for essential transport for health outreach work in isolated rural areas, and for the Church's pastoral care in places of difficult access. They will be making an appeal in our parish on the weekend of 15th/16th July. Thank you for your generosity in support of their important work across the world. You can find out more about them from the magazine in the porch.

Contactless Donations – You will find our new DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal in the porch. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/device to donate. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate

and hold your card/device onto the reader. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25% at no extra cost to yourself. If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p to every £1 received. Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.

Hire of Church Hall – our hall is available to hire for Baptism receptions, meetings, choir practice etc. Please email for the attention of Sam, hire of hall to ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk.

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.

Refreshments are available in the Church Hall after the 11am Mass. All our welcome, so please do pop in for tea, coffee, biscuits and cake!

Parish cleaners – If you would like to help clean the Church, please let Br. Martin know. Thank you to those who keep our church and sacristy clean and tidy. This week is the turn of the Angelika and Olivia.

Parish Donations

Collection Last Week: £448.69

Gift Aid: £83

Second Collection – Day for Life: £88.80

Gift Aid: £6

St Anthony's Bread: £33.18

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

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially Therese O'Malley, Linda Parrott, Aline Beaupiere, Margaret Corcoran, Oonagh Clarkson, Albert Paintin, Bernadette O'Reilly, Gillian Mellor, Br. Michael Hargan and Ewan Williams. 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.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 25th June 2023 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Peter, Winnie and Family Int.	
9.00 a.m.	Secular Franciscan Order Int.	
11.00 a.m.	Parishioners	
5.30 p.m.	Sabrena Collins R.I.P.	
Monday 26th		
7.30 a.m.	Friars and Benefactors	
Tuesday 27th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Kieron Hughes Int. 2) Antonio and Pradeep's Int.	
Wednesday 28th		
		<i>St. Irenaeus</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Pious Union 2) Mary Farrow Int.	
Thursday 29th		
		<i>Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles</i>
7.30 a.m.	Aquelina dos Santos and Francisco Xavier Soares R.I.P.	
7.00 p.m.	Vocations	
Friday 30th		
7.30 a.m.	Br. Ade's Int.	
Saturday 1st		
8 a.m.	1) Norah Wilk's Int. 2) In honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	
6.30 p.m. (Vigil)	Davy, Martina and family Int.	

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