



St. Edmund and St. Frideswide R.C. Church
Greyfriars, Iffley Road, Oxford, OX4 1SB
Parish Priest: Br. Martin Mikuskiewicz OFM Cap
Tel. No. 01865 256750 (Parish), 01865 243694 (Friary)
Email: ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk
Website: www.greyfriarsoxford.uk
Greyfriars Catholic School: www.greyfriarsoxford.org.uk

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
16th July 2023

1st Reading – Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalm – Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

2nd Reading – Romans 8:18-23

Gospel – Matthew 13:1-23

Congratulations to Diogo, Keethlyn, and Leo who received the Sacrament of Confirmation earlier this Saturday. We wish God's blessings for them and their families.

Good-bye to Br. Antonio Ratti – Br. Antonio is leaving us this Tuesday and heading back to Italy. We thank him for his presence with us and all the gifts he shared with us in our fraternity and parish community over the last four years. We wish him God's blessings for his future and a good preparation for his ordination to the diaconate – date to be confirmed.

Welcome back to Br. Ade – Br. Ade has returned from Ireland and will be staying with us in our fraternity.

Survive-Miva Appeal 15th/16th July - 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. 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.

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 17th July. 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.

Visiting Statue of Our Lady (Legion of Mary) – The intention is for our parishioners to be blessed by Our Lady's presence and to have her stay in your home for a week at a time. It is a perfect way of renewing our life of prayer and faith in Our Lady's intercession. If you would like to receive the statue into your home, please contact our Legion of Mary representative David Bibby on 07552239019 to make the arrangements. The Legion is responsible for delivering the statue to your home, to pray with you, and to collect the statue from you after a week or so.

PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM Saturday 5th August...is the annual pilgrimage of reparation and prayer for the Sanctity of Life. Walsingham is a powerful and peaceful place to pray for the end of the hurt and pain of abortion, and to ask for God's healing. It is a wonderful experience to go with others and make friends in the process. The day flies by and I would love for you to join us. For more details and to book a place on the Oxford trip (£30 - sponsorship available), visit <https://tinyurl.com/oxpp2023>. Any questions, contact Ed at ox.prolifepilgrim@gmail.com

Would all Gift Aid donors please tell the organiser, Thelma Martin (edward854@edward854.plus.com), if they have changed address? HMRC require that records are kept up to date.

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.

Contactless Donations – Our card reader at the back of the church seems to be working again. If you have problems using it, please let the friars know.

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 are welcome, so please call 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.

Parish Donations

Collection Last Week: £454.03

Gift Aid: £44

Second Collection – Apostleship of the Sea: £145.30

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, Ewan Williams, Anne Wilkinson. 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.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Geraldine Coggins, Michael Curran, Anne Harpin. They 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.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 16th July 2023 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Parishioners	
9.00 a.m.	Rosie Ward Int.	
11.00 a.m.	Kit Gaffey Int.	
5.30 p.m.	Julia Barbosa Birthday Int.	
Monday 17th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Friars & Benefactors 2) Arianna Ratti	
Tuesday 18th		
7.30 a.m.	Pious Union	
Wednesday 19th		
7.30 a.m.	Bridget & Paul & family	
Thursday 20th		
7.30 a.m.	Barry Macey-Dare R.I.P.	
Friday 21st		<i>St. Lawrence of Brindisi</i>
7.30 a.m.	Friars & Benefactors	
Saturday 22nd		<i>St. Mary Magdalene</i>
8 a.m.	Br. Pradeep's Int.	
6.30 p.m. (Vigil)	Jacinta Rodrigues R.I.P.	

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