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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
23rd July 2023

1st Reading – Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Psalm – O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

2nd Reading – Romans 8:26-27

Gospel – Matthew 13:24-43

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – This Sunday we remember the vital role of grandparents and the elderly in our lives. Above all, Pope Francis tells us, this day is an opportunity to remind our world that God does not abandon the elderly, as happens all too often in our time, and He desires young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly.

End of school year – Congratulations to all the children and teachers for reaching the end of another year. They all need a well-deserved rest and we wish God's blessings on all who will be travelling during this summer break.

Lectio Divina Group – The meetings have now been suspended for the summer break but will resume again in September. Please listen out for announcements and parish notices.

Oxford Pro-Life Rosary Witness: On Saturday 5th August 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

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. 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 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: £498.36

Gift Aid: £62

Second Collection – Survive-Miva: £199.21

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 23rd July 2023 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Jacinta Rodrigues R.I.P.	
9.00 a.m.	MaryBridget Sweeney Int.	
11.00 a.m.	Sharon & Michael Crawley Int.	
5.30 p.m.	Parishioners	
Monday 24th		
7.30 a.m.	Breda Begley R.I.P. Anniv.	
Tuesday 25th		
		<i>St. James</i>
7.30 a.m.	Sabena Collins R.I.P.	
Wednesday 26th		
		<i>Sts. Joachim and Anne</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Filomena Vas R.I.P. 2) Kieran Hughes	
Thursday 27th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Friars & Benefactors 2) Patrick Anthony Int.	
Friday 28th		
7.30 a.m.	Br. Ade's Int.	
Saturday 29th		
		<i>Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus</i>
8 a.m.	Aurora Visentin Int.	
6.30 p.m. (Vigil)	Stefania Ninni & Family	

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