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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 30th July 2023

1st Reading – 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Psalm – Lord, how I love your law!
2nd Reading – Romans 8:28-30
Gospel – Matthew 13:44-52

Enjoy the last edition of our newsletter before we return in September. During the month of August Br. Martin S. and Br. Gordon will be looking after the parish.

150th Anniversary of the establishment of the Capuchin Province in Great Britain
– On the 1st August Capuchin friars will celebrate 150 years since the establishment of our Province. You're welcome to join the friars at our Tuesday morning Mass at 7.30am as we give thanks to God for the gift of brotherhood and remember with gratitude those who have served in this parish and all our fraternities.

World Youth Day 1st – 6th August – This year's theme is: "*Mary arose and went with haste*" (Lk 1:39). The biblical phrase (a quote from the Gospel of St Luke) opens the account of the Visitation (Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth), a biblical episode following the Annunciation (the angel's announcement to Mary that she would be the mother of the Son of God, and the theme of the last WYD, in Panama). During their conversation of the Annunciation, the angel also tells Mary that her older cousin, thought to be sterile, is pregnant. After affirming to the angel "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word" (Lk 1:38), it is then that Mary sets out for Ain Karim, a village near Jerusalem

where Elizabeth lived and was awaiting the birth of John, who would become Saint John the Baptist. Mary of Nazareth is the great figure of the Christian journey. She teaches us to say yes to God. She was the protagonist of the last edition of WYD and will be so once again in Lisbon. The highlights of World Youth Day are the celebrations where the Pope is present, such as the welcoming and opening ceremony, the Way of the Cross, the Vigil and, on the last day, the closing Mass. Follow on <https://www.shalomworldtv.org>

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

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: £476.84

Gift Aid: £86

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 30th July 2023 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Stefania & Family	
9.00 a.m.	Parishioners	
11.00 a.m.	Christy & Bridie Collins	
5.30 p.m.	Manuel Martins Oliveira Rosa Da Silva Xavier Mariano Burges Goncalves	
Monday 31st		<i>St. Ignatius of Loyola</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Vocations 2) Barbara R.I.P.	
Tuesday 1st		<i>St. Alphonsus Liguori</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Darlene & Family 2) Friars & Benefactors	
Wednesday 2nd		<i>St. Mary of the Angels</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Blossom Birthday 2) Darlene & Family	
Thursday 3rd		
7.30 a.m.	1) Kieran Hughes 2) Mary Farrow	
Friday 4th		<i>St. John Mary Vianney</i>
7.30 a.m.	Darlene & Family	
7.00 p.m.	In honour of the Sacred Heart	<i>1st Friday Devotions</i>
Saturday 5th		
8 a.m.	In honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	
6.30 p.m. (Vigil)	Eric Metcalfe	

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