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### **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Youth Sunday)**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Psalm – The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel – Matthew 25:31-46

It seems very opportune that as I write my first newsletter, the Word of God reminds us who the real shepherd is: it is the Lord. He looks after everyone – God searches, brings back, heals, restores to life, nourishes the healthy. Whichever category we fall into – God is bringing us life. Our mission as a community is to not get in the way of what God is doing, and in so far as we can, to co-operate with His will. Just like the people in the Gospel, we may be doing both without even realizing it.

The most insignificant of gestures can be the means through which God's presence becomes a reality for somebody. Sometimes all you need to do in order to bring the Word of God to others is to walk down the street – that is the teaching of St. Francis. No need to draw attention, or to shout, or to use any words. A silent unity with God in one's heart is enough. The hidden life that draws us so powerfully into the very life of God. The real test of anyone who claims to be spiritual is to be found in how they relate with others – this is the judgment that the Lord reserves for Himself in the Gospel.

If we wish Him to be the king of our hearts, then like St. Francis we need to acknowledge that all we have comes to us from God. We need to make his prayer our own: "My God and My All". In this way we can pay real homage to our King, and thank Him for all we have and for all we experience. As I place all of you into the care of our Shepherd and King, please pray for me too.

Br Martin

**Please pray for those members of our community who are sick.**

**Pray, too, for those whose anniversaries occur about this time, including:**

Hilda Brennan, Stephen McInerney, Frances Linstead-Eales, Mary Rolls, John Healey, Peter McDonagh, Catherine Tombs, Denis O'Shea, & Michael Hamblin, Carlos Rodrigues Antunes Barreira.

***May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.***

**Parish Website:** You can find our new parish website at [www.greyfriarsoxford.uk](http://www.greyfriarsoxford.uk). It will be regularly updated and built up as we go along, and hopefully become one of the means of bringing everyone together.

**Parish YouTube:** For the time being, you can only join us for the Mass through our YouTube channel. The link is provided on our new website, make sure you subscribe. You can also find a number of reflections being uploaded there on a regular basis – hopefully something of interest to everyone.

**Confirmation 2021:** If you would like to enrol your child for our Confirmation programme, please email the parish office. Your child needs to be in Year 6 or above.

**Church opening times:** Our church is open for private prayer only Monday – Friday 5pm-7pm, Saturday – Sunday 10am-12noon.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November: School of Prayer—Your Word is Light and Hope:**

For all seeking a personal relationship with God or to deepen their prayer life, this School of Prayer is a space to listen to, absorb, and meditate on God’s Word in our hearts, and incarnate that Word in our lives. This term (**7pm–8.30pm** every Tuesday till 1 December) we focus on examples of Old Testament people: from Abraham to Mary. We meet online. To register please contact [greyfriarszoom@gmail.com](mailto:greyfriarszoom@gmail.com).

**Mass Times and Intentions**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

9.00am	Parishioners
11.00am	Tarcisio & Francisco L. Dos Reis Amaral R.I.P., Horacio Da Costa, Deolinda Barbosa

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

7.30am	Joan & Mary Barrett R.I.P.
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**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

**All Souls of the Franciscan Order**

7.30am	Winnie & Christy Joyce R.I.P.
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**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

7.30am	Johnny Delaney
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**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

**St. Leonard of Port Maurice**

7.30am	Rosa Clara Lobato Soriano
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**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

**St. Francis Anthony Fasani**

7.30am	Manuel Pereira R.I.P.
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**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

**St. James of the Marches**

8.00am	Souls in Purgatory
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