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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 10th September 2023

1st Reading – Ezekiel 33:7-9
Psalm – O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

2nd Reading – Romans 13:8-10
Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

Maddalena Diliberto R.I.P. – We pray for the repose of the soul of Maddalena Diliberto whose funeral Mass will take place this Monday 11th September at 11am. Mass will be followed by burial at Wolvercote cemetery at 1pm. May she rest in peace and may her family experience God's consoling presence at this time.

Father Hudson's Care would like to invite you to a face-to-face Welcoming Church event to be held on **Saturday 16**th **September at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Bristol Road, Birmingham B5 7BE at 10 am.** The individual sessions will talk about how parishes can support older people, refugees, people with disabilities and those who are homeless, creating a plan to make real change. If you would like to learn more please email kevinhateley@fatherhudsons.org.uk or call 01675 434000.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Next Family Fast Day will be on Friday 6th October 2023. As a community we have always been very generous towards their work. More details to follow next week – please see poster at the back of the church.

Rite of Christian Initiation for adults (RCIA) – this course is aimed for any Catholic adult who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or for any adult

who wishes to become a member of the Catholic Church. The course will begin on 19th October and you have until Sunday 8th October to sign up. Please fill in the form on our website, on the Sacraments page, or speak to Br. Martin after Mass.

First Holy Communion — There will be a meeting with parents of children preparing for their 1st Holy Communion in December. The course itself will begin in January. The course is for children who attend year 3, 4, 5, or 6 of primary school. Please fill in the form which you can find on the website on the Sacraments page, or speak to Br. Martin after Mass.

Confirmation – There will be a meeting with parents of children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in December. The course will begin in January. It is for children who attend year 6 of primary school or are in secondary school. Please fill in the form which you can find on the website on the Sacraments page, or speak to Br. Martin after Mass.

40 Days for Life Sep 27th – **Nov 5**th – You can protect mothers and children by joining this world-wide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach you can help save lives in Oxford. For more information pick up a flyer from the back of the church or look at www.40daysforlife.com/oxford

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.

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: £405.95 Gift Aid: £84

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

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for Catholic Evangelisation

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, 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 10 th September 2023 Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Ciara Keown	
9.00 a.m.	Leo Goodstadt & Family	
11.00 a.m.	Parishioners	
5.30 p.m.	Doyle Ross & Heaney Family	
Monday 11 th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Sally O'Connell R.I.P. 2) Kieran Hughes	
11.00 a.m.	Maddalena Diliberto R.I.P.	Funeral Mass
Tuesday 12 th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Garry & Anne Heaney 2) Vocations	
Wednesday 13 th		St. John Chrysostom
7.30 a.m.	1) Teresa Cooney & Family 2) Friars & Benefactors	
Thursday 14 th		The Exaltation of the Cross
7.30 a.m.	1) Br. Pradeep 2) Vailency Fernandes	
Friday 15 th		Our Lady of Sorrows
7.30 a.m.	1) Mary Gaffey R.I.P. Anniv. 2) Thomas & Margaret McDonagh	
Saturday 16 th		St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian
8 a.m.	Sally McVeigh	
6.30 p.m. (Vigil)	Mr. Leonard R.I.P.	

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