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Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C – 4th September 2022

1st Reading – Wisdom 9:13-18

Psalm – O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

2nd Reading – Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel – Luke 14:25-33

Dear Parishioners, on behalf of the Friary, I hope you have had a lovely summer break, whether at home or away! As we start the new academic year for children and students, let us keep them and their families in our prayers.

Bro. Ade's Perpetual Profession took place on Saturday, here in the parish. It was a wonderful occasion and enjoyed by all. Bro. Ade would like to say a big thank you to all those who prepared for the celebration and feast afterwards.

Greyfriars Safeguarding Representatives: A huge thank you to Thelma Martin along with her late husband James Martin, both of whom carried out this role for more years than anyone can remember. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude for their long service in this role.

The new Safeguarding representatives are Anne Harpin, Geraldine Coggins and Michael Curran. More details to follow soon.

St Gregory the Great will be known as **Greyfriars Catholic School** from this September. We wish all children and staff a year full of joy and happiness.

Training for altar servers – For all those who already serve as well as those who wish to serve, there will be training on Saturday 1st October at 12noon. Children should come along to the church with their parents.

Christian meditation resumes this September: *Reflecting on Sacred Scripture* using both *Apophatic* and *Imaginative* methods. To be held in Greyfriars Friary, Wednesdays at 7pm. To book your place or check availability, please email iffleycross@gmail.com.

The Parish Council will meet on Tuesday 20th September. If you have any questions, suggestions or would like to volunteer within the Parish please contact them via email: pct.ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk.

Right of Christian Initiation for adults (RCIA) – this course is aimed for any catholic adults who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or for any adult who wishes become a member of the Catholic church. The course will begin mid October and you have until Sunday 2nd October to sign up. Fill in the form on our website on the Sacraments page, alternatively fill in the form found in the porch and hand in to one of the brothers.

CAFOD: Pakistan Floods Appeal - Record monsoon rains and flash flooding across Pakistan has killed at least 1,100 people so far with millions more displaced from their homes. Roads, crops, homes and bridges have all been washed away. As described by Pakistan's climate change minister as 'a climate-induced humanitarian disaster of epic proportions.' If you wish to donate please visit Cafod's website and follow the links.

Coffee mornings – A chance to catch up with your fellow parishioners is there every Sunday morning after our 9.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. Masses. Everyone is welcome.

Rosary Prayer Group – We continue to say the rosary together in the parish on Fridays at 7.00 p.m. Come and pray.

Intercessory Prayer Group

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.

Parish cleaners - Thank you to those who work tirelessly in keeping our church and sacristy clean and sparkling. This week is the turn of Isobel and Michael. Thank you.

Parish Hall – If you would like to make a specific donation towards the renovation of the parish hall, please specify that you wish that donation to go for that purpose. You can write a cheque made out to Capuchin Oxford Parish, or donate via bank transfer to the Capuchin Oxford Parish Account (Acc. No. 50154109 Sort Code 60-70-03). Thank you for your support and generosity.

Gift Aid - The Parish has recently received £6,052.42 as repayment of tax on gift aid donations. Being able to reclaim the tax means that every donation is worth 25% more to the Parish. If you are a tax payer, and pay enough tax to cover anything you give, please consider making a gift aid declaration. If you want to do this, please contact, in the first place, either the Parish Priest or Thelma Martin, the Gift Aid Organiser at edward854@edward853.plus.com.

If you are a gift aider and need confirmation of your donations for the last financial year, please contact Thelma Martin who can supply totals.

Collection Last Week: £453.22

Gift Aid: £44.00

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

Second Collection: there will be a second collection next Sunday 11th September for the Catholic education service.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 4th September 2022 Twenty third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Pious Union	<i>St Gregory the Great</i>
9.00 a.m.	Patrick Kennedy R.I.P.	
11.00 a.m.	Parishioners	
5.30 p.m.	Christy and Mary O'Leary R.I.P.	

Monday 5th ***Blessed Mother Teresa***

7.30 a.m. Kieron Hughes R.I.P.

Tuesday 6th

7.30 a.m. Margaret Allman get well

Wednesday 7th

7.30 a.m. Bro. Antonio's Int.

Thursday 8th

***Feast of the Nativity of
the Blessed Virgin Mary***

7.30 a.m. Bro. Pradeep's Int.

Friday 9th

7.30 a.m. John Barnes R.I.P.

Saturday 10th

Blessed Agnellus of Pisa

8.00 a.m. Kieron Hughes R.I.P.

6.30 p.m. (Vigil) Parishioners

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

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially **Therese O'Malley, Linda Parrott, Aline Beaupiere, Margaret Corcoran, Oonagh Clarkson**. 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.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Gabriel Fernandes and Nicholas Gendle and keep their families also in your prayers.