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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 17th September 2023

1st Reading – Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7

Psalm – The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

2nd Reading – St Paul to the Romans 14:7-9

Gospel – Matthew 18:21-35

Second Collection this weekend is for *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday*, which now supersedes Home Mission Sunday, which calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. “*Evangelii Gaudium*” is Latin for “Joy of the Gospel”. The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops’ Conference. For more information: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>.

Lectio Divina Prayer Group reconvenes 17:30, Monday 18th September, in Greyfriar’s Library. Gospel reading Matthew 20:1-16. This session will be led by Br. Martin Sanderson. Br. Martin will continue to lead future sessions as and when his ministry permits. In Br. Martin’s absence, Helen and Yvette will administer to the Group. For more information, email: iffleycross@gmail.com.

Weekend of 24th September, there will be a second collection for the **Father Hudson Society**. If you wish to donate please take an envelope from the Church porch, as well, there are information sheets. Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Cake Sale will take place on Sunday 1st October after 9am and 11am Masses. Donations of cakes of any size, variety – homemade, shop brought, would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will go towards the renovation of the Church Hall. Tea and coffee served. Please join us for a very social morning!

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 Saturday 9th December at 9.30am. 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 on Saturday 9th December at 10.30am. 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 5th – 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.

Parish Donations

Collection Last Week: £445.08

Gift Aid: £84.50

Father Hudson Society: £5

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

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 17th September 2023 Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Mr Leonard R.I.P.	
9.00 a.m.	David and Pat Hartley	
11.00 a.m.	Mary Gaffey R.I.P.	
5.30 p.m.	Parishioners	
Monday 18th		
7.30 a.m.	Birthday Int. for Erlick Pereira and David Peggle	
Tuesday 19th		
7.30 a.m.	Jimboy & Victoria Gaffey & family Int.	
Wednesday 20th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Patrick & Niomi & family 2) Friars & Benefactors	<i>Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and companions</i>
Thursday 21st		
7.30 a.m.	1) Patrick O'Connell R.I.P. 2) St. Anthony's Guild	<i>Feast of St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist</i>
Friday 22nd		
7.30 a.m.	1) Anne, Martin & Family 2) Kieron Hughes Int.	
Saturday 23rd		
8.00 a.m.	1) Joseph McVeigh 2) Lucia Anna Cistone R.I.P.	<i>Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina</i>
6.30 p.m. (Vigil)	Mr. Leonard R.I.P.	

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