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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
1st October 2023

1st Reading – Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalm – Remember your mercy, Lord.

2nd Reading – St Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel – Matthew 21:28-32

Br. Pradeep Lakra – We say “see you soon” to Br. Pradeep as he flies to India on the 5th October in order to prepare himself for ordination to the priesthood on the 28th January in India. He will come back to the Delegation in March. We wish him many blessings during this time and thank him for the contribution he has made to our life in the fraternity.

Br. Antonio Ratti – Br. Antonio who has been with us for the last few years will be ordained as a deacon on the 4th November in Milan. Please keep him in your prayers on this special occasion.

The Transitus of St. Francis will be held in the church at 7pm on Tuesday 3rd October. Please join us for this special service commemorating the passing of St. Francis of Assisi on the eve of the Solemnity. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Lectio Divina Prayer Group will continue at 17:30 on Monday 2nd October, in Greyfriar’s Library. Gospel reading Matthew 21:33-43. 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.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School - Open Afternoon Wednesday 4th October 1:30pm-3pm. Aimed at families with children due to start school in September 2024. Come along to tour our vibrant, successful Catholic school! For more information please visit the school website: www.st-josephs-pri.oxon.sch.uk or email: admin.3838@st-josephs-pri.oxon.sch.uk.

First Friday Devotions in honour of the Sacred Heart of Our Lord will be held this Friday, 6th October at 7pm in the church. There will be a possibility to receive the sacrament of the anointing of the sick after the Mass.

CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal – Harvest Collection at all Masses on the weekend



of 8th October. Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Please scan the QR code or take the envelope in the church porch, alternatively, please give online at cafod.org.uk.

Flower Arrangers needed for the Church – we are looking for volunteers to help with the flower arrangements in the Church from Christmas onwards. If interested, please email the Church: ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk. Thank you.

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

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.

Parish Donations

Collection Last Week: £478.45

Gift Aid: £83

Father Hudson Society: £161.41

Gift Aid: £23

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, 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.

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

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 1st October 2023 Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Leonard Birch R.I.P.	

9.00 a.m.	Parishioners	
11.00 a.m.	Thanksgiving for baby Zachariah, Stacy and Silroy	
5.30 p.m.	Private Int.	
Monday 2nd		<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Marjorie Tinson Birthday Int. 2) Private Int.	
Tuesday 3rd		<i>St. Thomas of Cantilupe</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Private Int. 2) William Keown Int.	
7.00 p.m.	Transitus of St. Francis	
Wednesday 4th		<i>Our Holy Father St. Francis</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Louise Donnelly R.I.P. 2) Friars and Benefactors	
Thursday 5th		<i>Commemoration of the departed Brothers, Sisters, Relatives and Benefactors of the Franciscan family</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Birthday Int. Chris Simmons 2) Kieron Hughes	
Friday 6th		
7.30 a.m.	1) William Keown Int. 2) Vocations	
7.00 p.m.	In Honour of the Sacred Heart	
Saturday 7th		<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
8.00 a.m.	1) Pious Union 2) Christy & Mary Collins & family 3) In honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	
6.30 p.m. (Vigil)	Thanksgiving Int.	