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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
24th September 2023

1st Reading – Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm – The Lord is close to all who call him.

2nd Reading – St Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24,27

Gospel – Matthew 20:1-16

Second Collection this weekend is 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!

Lectio Divina Prayer Group will be held at 17:30, Monday 25th September, in Greyfriar's Library. Gospel reading Matthew 21:28-32. 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.

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. If you prefer to make a donation online please visit our website and click on Donations heading. Tea and coffee served. Please join us for a very social morning!

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 take the envelope in the church porch, or give online at cafod.org.uk.

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.

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.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School - Stay-and-Play toddler sessions

New Stay-and-Play for families with pre-school age children Wednesday mornings 9am-10am during termtime. Toys, refreshments, crafts and activities. No need to book, just come along!

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

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.

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: £443.95

Gift Aid: £27

Evangelii Gaudium: £124.50

Gift Aid: £4

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 24th September 2023 Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Parishioners	
9.00 a.m.	Michael, Margaret Joyce and family	
11.00 a.m.	Mary Joyce int.	
5.30 p.m.	Maria Domingas DaSilva Soares R.I.P.	
Monday 25th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Sabrena Collins R.I.P. 2) Br. Eustace McSweeney R.I.P.	
Tuesday 26th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Jim Beall R.I.P. 2) C.M.A.	
Wednesday 27th		<i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Anne and family 2) Kieron Hughes Int.	
Thursday 28th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Get well mass for Bridget 2) Friars and Benefactors	
Friday 29th		<i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Br. Ade's Int. 2) Private Int.	
Saturday 30th		<i>St. Jerome</i>
8.00 a.m.	Private Int.	
6.30 p.m. (Vigil)	Leonard Birch R.I.P.	

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