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Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C – 25th September 2022

1st Reading – Amos 6:1, 4-7

Psalm – Praise the Lord, my soul!

2nd Reading – 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel – Luke 16:19-31

Second collection this weekend is for the Father Hudson Society. Thank you for your generosity.

First Five Saturdays of Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary – The Devotions will be held after the 8am mass. The First Devotion will be on Saturday 1st October. Leaflets are available at the back of the church and a programme will be provided on the days.

Taizé will commence on Thursday 29 September in the Friary Chapel at 7.30 pm, for 1 hour. Taizé is a monastic community located in Taizé, France, founded in the 1940s. A Taizé worship service involves sung and chanted prayers, meditation, a period of silence, liturgical readings, and icons. Refreshments are provided afterwards and is an opportunity to build ecumenical friendship.

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.

Solemnity of St Francis is on Tuesday 4th October at 7pm. All are invited to join the friars for this Mass and refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Covid update: The priests have resumed distributing the Host on the tongue as well as on the hand and have also resumed sharing in the sign of peace.

Next weekend (1st and 2nd October) The Good Shepherd Company from the Holy land (Bethlehem) which is based in Nottingham will be selling olive wood carvings to support and help the Christian families in the Holy land to stay at work. Olive wood carving is one of the most important sources of income for them. 90% of the Christians rely on this sale. By selling their produce here this will prevent the Christians from leaving the country in search of better work opportunities, a survey from the bishops of Jerusalem found there is only forty one thousand Christians left in the area.

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.

Rite 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 to become a member of the Catholic Church. The course will begin mid October and you have until Sunday 2nd October to sign up. Please 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.

New Young Adult Group for 18-35s that's run by the Carmelite OCD friars. Our current theme is Spiritual Warfare. Sessions start with Bring & Share (Dinner) at 18:30 at Holy Rood Church on Abingdon Road. The talk begins at 19:30 and the evening ends at 21:00 after guided prayer. Our next session is on the 30th September. Contact Kate on 07933765367 for more information. All are welcome.

Preparing for Family Fast Day - This year's 'Harvest' Family Fast Day falls on Friday 7 October. CAFOD will use all the money raised to support families affected by the world food crisis, especially in East Africa (<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>)

Our parish's Family Fast Day collection will take place at Masses over the weekend of 8-9 October. Envelopes will be available at all Masses that weekend and the weekend before. This is a difficult time for many people, but please be as generous as you can and keep the work of CAFOD in your prayers.

Please plan to eat frugally and thoughtfully on the day itself, Friday 7 October, perhaps joining with friends and neighbours. You can find some ideas for frugal meals on the parish website, <https://www.greyfriarsoxford.uk/s/FFD-recipes.pdf>. If you would like to share your own ideas for meals (costing about 50p per person), please send them to the Parish Council email: pct.ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk

There will be a Harvest Sale in support of CAFOD after the 9.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. Masses on Sunday 9 October, focusing particularly on home-produced and home-made goods such as garden produce, plants, cakes, bread, jams and pickles. Offers of help are very welcome - please email: pct.ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk.

CAFOD: Pakistan Floods Appeal - please don't forget the flood-stricken people of Pakistan. CAFOD is part of the Disasters Emergency Committee, and you can donate via their website, <https://cafod.org.uk/?form=decpakistanfloodsappeal>.

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 the travelling community. Thank you.

Parish Donations

Collection Last Week: £470.18

Gift Aid: £49

2nd Collect Catholic Evangelisation Last Week: £153.66

Gift Aid: £2

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

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

Funeral arrangements for Nicholas Gendle – the funeral service will take place at Wolvercote Cemetery at 1pm on 7th October 2022.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 25th September 2022 Twenty fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

6.30 p.m. (Sat) Kieron Hughes R.I.P.
9.00 a.m. Parishioners
11.00 a.m. Eugeniusz Zelazny R.I.P.
5.30 p.m. Sabrena Collins R.I.P.

Monday 26th

7.30 a.m. Holy Souls

Tuesday 27th

St Vincent de Paul

7.30 a.m. Sabrena, John Paul, Jo, Bernie,
Winnie, John Paul, Elly May

Wednesday 28th

7.30 a.m. Vocations

Thursday 29th

Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

7.30 a.m. Holy Souls

Friday 30th

St Jerome

7.30 a.m. In thanksgiving

Saturday 1st Oct

St Therese of Lisieux

8.00 a.m. Friars and Benefactors

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, Albert Paintin**. 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.