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Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C – 2nd October 2022

1st Reading – Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:3-4

Psalm – Come, let us cry out with joy to Yahweh, acclaim the rock of our salvation.

2nd Reading – 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel – Luke 17:5-10

This weekend, 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.

Solemnity of St Francis is on Tuesday 4th October at 7pm. Everyone is invited to join the friars for this Mass and refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards. There will be a morning Mass as usual at 7.30am.

Greyfriars Catholic School open evening on Thursday 6th October, 6-8pm. Any parent who is interested to find out more about the school, especially if you have children in years 4-6 is very welcome to attend. You can also visit the school at any time please contact the school directly on 01865 749933. For more information about the school please visit their website www.greyfriarsoxford.org.uk. Brother Martin Mikuskiewicz is now their official Chaplain.

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.

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers a training session for existing and new ministers will be held on Saturday 22nd October at 12noon in the church. If you are unable to attend please let Brother Martin know.

Preparing for Family Fast Day - This year's 'Harvest' Family Fast Day falls on Friday 7 October. Please pick up an envelope from the back of the church. Thank you.

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.

Update on Friars Brother Mariusz is leaving us on 1st October and moving to our friary in Erith. Brother Gordon is due to arrive at Greyfriars on the 21st October.

Cost of Living Crisis – For those in need of help with rising energy bills, cost of food etc. The following contacts maybe useful: Citizen Advice Oxford 03444 111 444; Rose Hill and Donnington Advice Centre 01865 438634; National Debt line 0808 808 4000.

Christian meditation continues this October: *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.

Parish Office We are pleased to let you know that Sam Keown has kindly volunteered to help in the office. If you need to contact Sam please use the parish email in the first instance and mark the subject box for her attention and she will get back to you. Email office on: ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk

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 Angelika & Olivia. Thank you.

Parish Donations

Collection Last Week: £465.80

Gift Aid: £39.80

2nd Collection Father Hudson Society Last Week: £136.40

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.

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, Bernadette O'Reilly. 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.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 2nd October 2022 Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

6.30 p.m. (Sat) Parishioners
9.00 a.m. Leonardo D'Souza R.I.P.
11.00 a.m. Marjorie Tinson birthday Int.
5.30 p.m. Thanksgiving

Monday 3rd

7.30 a.m. St Anthony's Guild

Tuesday 4th

Solemnity of St Francis of Assisi

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

Wednesday 5th

Commemoration of the departed brother, sisters, relatives and benefactors of the Franciscan family

7.30 a.m. C.M.A.

Thursday 6th

7.30 a.m. Br. Charles Serignat R.I.P.
1st anniversary of death

Friday 7th

Our Lady of the Rosary

7.30 a.m. Br. Lucjan's Ints.

Saturday 8th

8.00 a.m. Johny & Mary O'Leary R.I.P. & family
6.30 p.m. (Vigil) Bernadin Aguiar & Rosario Pereira

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