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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) – 3rd October 2021

1st Reading – Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm – May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

2nd Reading – Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel – Mark 10:2-16

On Sunday evening the whole Franciscan family will come together worldwide to recall the death of St. Francis of Assisi. Many years have passed since 1226, many men and women strived to follow his example and walked in the footsteps of our Lord as religious, and even greater numbers of men and women took St. Francis' spirituality as a model for their own lives in their family and places of work. That attraction still continues to this day, and his mission carries on by his followers.

As Franciscans, our first call is to support the Church, and Francis' answer to all that was going wrong with the Church at his time ought to be our answer too – learn to love. In order to repair and renew, Francis teaches us to love, to be obedient, and to be poor and humble. Living in this way will transform our vision of God and the world we live in, it will make us reach out and relate to all creation as a brother and sister. Our relationships will be healed and restored to their proper order. This is not just pious language but it has real implications for every day.

In order to love as a friar minor, a lesser brother as St. Francis called himself, he knew he had to embrace poverty and humility. This was his secret. He taught us to be content with little, not to be too attached to places, to live simply and at times lacking things – all that so we would keep our focus on the Lord and our final destination. His poverty put him at the centre of the mystery of the Cross, it helped him to long for union with God. We have a lot to learn from him, a lot we could imitate, a lot that we could aspire to and admire. More importantly, as St. Francis would say to us – I did what was mine to do, now it is your turn to work out with God's help what you have to do. Look ahead, go forward with confidence and do what the Lord is inspiring you to do.

Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi – Monday 4th October

The friars are celebrating a solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi this Monday. We will have an extra Mass at 6.30 p.m. that evening, and we will have a guest preacher from Blackfriars, Fr. David Rocks O.P. We would love you to join us for that Mass. Please God next year we would be able to share in the feasting together in the parish hall, but for this year we'd be happy to see you join us in prayer as we celebrate the life of our founder.

CAFOD Family Fast Day 1st October – Climate Crisis Appeal

This weekend our 2nd collection is for CAFOD Family Fast Day. Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. This Family Fast Day, donate in the parish using a CAFOD envelope or online through the [CAFOD website](#) and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can also add your voice to our online [petition](#) calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, cafod.org.uk/climate. And thank you for your generosity for our emergency appeals to support our sisters and brothers in crisis in Afghanistan and Haiti. You can read more about CAFOD's response at cafod.org.uk/emergencies.

Newman Night Walk from Oxford to Littlemore (Friday 8th October 2021) –

Commemorating the arrival of Blessed Dominic Barberi at Littlemore and the anniversary of St. John Henry Newman's Reception into 'the One Fold of the Redeemer'.

Start at 7.00 p.m. with Pilgrim Prayers at The Oratory, 25 Woodstock Rd.

9.00 p.m. Candle Light Procession from 7 Courtland Road to Bl. Dominic Barberi Church

9.30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament presided by His Grace Leo Cushley, Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh

9.50 p.m. Benediction and Procession to The College Library and Chapel

You can join at any stage. Light refreshments provided after prayers. For more details see the poster at the back of the church.

House Visits / Blessings – An important part of my service to you as your parish priest is to come to know you, pray with you, and bless you. That is why I would like to invite myself into your homes! – not for a 3-course meal, not even a cup of tea required, but to meet you, chat, and pray. Don't be afraid – I won't turn up uninvited. If you'd like a visit, just get in touch in any way you can – speak to me

after Mass in the sacristy, email, phone, fill out the form on the website, or fill in a card that should be available at the back of the church.

1st Holy Communion / Confirmation 2022 – If you would like your child to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation, please get in touch in order to sign your child for the relevant course. All classes will begin from January, but the sooner you let us know the better. Please fill in the relevant form on the website or speak to me in person. You have until mid-December to ensure your child is signed up.

R.C.I.A. 2022 – If you are a Catholic who has never received the Sacrament of Confirmation, or you are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church, then this course is for you. Please fill in the relevant form as soon as possible on our website or speak to one of the friars. Classes will commence in mid-October.

Parish Council – The Parish Council meets on a regular basis throughout the year to ensure we work together as a community of our Lord's disciples and address any aspects of our life together to support everyone in our life of faith. If you would like to contribute to our parish life in anyway, or feel we could be doing something more and you'd like to get involved, or have some constructive suggestions, feel free to get in touch with them, please send your e-mail to pct.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.

Diocesan Newsletter

To keep up-to-date with all the latest news, information and online events from across the Archdiocese and beyond please sign up to the newsletter, issued every few weeks via email.

Please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news to sign up.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Just a note to remind all parishioners that our church opens from 5.30 p.m. on Saturday evenings for a time of silent adoration of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. It is a perfect opportunity for some quiet prayer and reflection, which ends at 6.15 p.m. with benediction.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 3rd October 2021 Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

6.30 p.m. (Sat) Joyce Family

9.00 a.m. James Martin R.I.P.

11.00 a.m. O.F.S.

5.30 p.m. Parishioners

Monday 4th

Our Holy Father St. Francis

7.30 a.m. Wenceslaus, Maria,
Christy

6.30 p.m. O.F.S.

Tuesday 5th

St. Faustina Kowalska

7.30 a.m. Franciscan Missionaries &
Benefactors

Wednesday 6th

7.30 a.m. Deceased of Da Cunha
Family

Thursday 7th

Our Lady of the Rosary

7.30 a.m. Joe Duggan R.I.P.

Friday 8th

7.30 a.m. Holy Souls

Saturday 9th

St. John Henry Newman

8.00 a.m. Imelda Martins R.I.P.

6.30 p.m. Mary Murphy R.I.P. 1st
Anniv.

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially **Therese O'Malley, Linda Parrott**. 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.