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**Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Exodus: 22:20-26

Psalm – I love you, Lord, my strength.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel – Matthew 22:34-40

**Second collection this weekend** is for World Mission Sunday. On this day the whole Church unites together through prayer for its missionary activity and by collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world experiencing situations of poverty and turmoil. For more information about World Mission Sunday, please visit: [missio.org.uk/wms](http://missio.org.uk/wms).

**Mrs Eileen Mary Daly R.I.P.** – please pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Mary Daly, who passed away on 13<sup>th</sup> October. Her funeral Mass will be held here, at Greyfriars on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 11am.

**Dead Lists for November** – you may collect blank lists from the Church porch. Please add the names of the dead you wish to be prayed for during November and return in an envelope, along with your offering. Your lists will be placed under the Altar and Mass will be offered each day for all those on the lists.

**Greyfriars Parish Family Event** - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October from 1pm to 4pm, to be held in the parish hall and garden. Come along and get to know other members of your parish community. Whether you can come for 10 mins or the whole 3

hours you will be very welcome. Bring some food to share either homemade or shop bought – all will be gratefully received. If you'd like to provide some music or an activity then please bring along with you. To give us an idea of numbers either sign up on the sheet at the back of church or email:

[‘greyfriars.parishevents@gmail.com’](mailto:greyfriars.parishevents@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you. Helen Hurrell and Claudia Azevedo.

**Lectio Divina Prayer Group** will continue at 17:30 on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, in Greyfriar's Library. Gospel reading for next two weeks: 1) Matthew 22:34-40. Br. Martin S. 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](mailto:iffleycross@gmail.com).

**Fr Ian Ker Memorial Lecture**, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at The College, Littlemore, at 4pm by Sister Kathleen Dietz FSO, "Newman and the Eucharist – a narrative". Please see poster in porch for further details.

**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](mailto:ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk). Thank you.

**First Holy Communion** – There will be a meeting with parents of children preparing for their 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Intercessory Prayers** - If you would like us to pray for somebody or for anything else, please email [GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com](mailto:GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com) or phone 07384 116920. All requests will be treated in strictest confidence.

**Cleaning team:** If you would like to join the team who keep the Church and Sacristy clean and tidy please email the parish email: [ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk). This week it is the turn of John and Sam.

**Contactless Donations** – You will find our 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.

### **Parish Donations**

Collections from last weekend will be shown in next week's newsletter.

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.

### **Prayer for the Diocesan Vision**

Spirit of God, descend on me this day. Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me, The Spirit of hope to inspire me, The Spirit of love to surround me and The Spirit of truth to enlighten my path. Holy Spirit, I pray for a new outpouring of your grace, so that I may grow in worship of your name in love of you in my prayer and in my actions towards others. Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me. Strengthen and defend me, so that I may be drawn ever closer to you. Help me this day and always to be a channel of grace in all I say and do and invite others into relationship with you. Amen.

## **Mass Times and Intentions**

<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)</b>		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Armando Martins, Anita de Arajo, Adao Quintao, Fernanda da Costa Maia R.I.P.	
9.00 a.m.	Maria Vitoria Ferreira Rosario R.I.P.	
11.00 a.m.	Nellie Quirke R.I.P.	
5.30 p.m.	Parishioners	
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>		<b><i>St. John Capistran</i></b>
7.30 a.m.	1) Isabelle's husband 2) Friars and Benefactors	
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>		
7.30 a.m.	Br. Ade's Intentions	
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>		
7.30 a.m.	Sabrena Collins R.I.P.	
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>		
7.30 a.m.	Darlene Letey	
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>		
7.30 a.m.	Kieron Hughes	
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b>		<b><i>Sts. Simon and Jude</i></b>
8.00 a.m.	John, Natasha and family	
6.30 p.m. (Vigil)	Parishioners	

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

*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](mailto:sg.ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.*