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The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B)
14th January 2024

1st Reading – Samuel 3:3-10,19

Psalm – Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

2nd Reading – Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

Gospel – John 1:35-42

Second collection this weekend is for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) – White Flower Appeal 2024. Act now to end of the deadly pills-by-post DIY abortion policy. All laws permitting abortion are unjust but the pills by post policy goes even further by endangering the women themselves, facilitating extremely late term illegal abortions and violating the sanctuary of the home. Please visit our website for further information: www.spuc.org.uk.

Friary news – Br. Pradeep Lakra will be ordained as a priest on 28th January in India and Br. Antony Kurian will be ordained as a deacon in Ireland on the same day. Please keep them in your prayers on these special occasions.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Thursday 18th January and ends on Thursday 25th January.

A day of prayer is held on **Thursday 18th January from 12noon till 9pm** at St. John Henry Newman's Chapel in Littlemore. Day begins at noon with midday prayer followed by silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Evening Prayer at 6pm, then more silent adoration time till 8pm. At 8pm there will be a guided adoration with Benediction, and the day will finish with Night Prayer at 8:45pm.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service will be held at 2pm on Sunday 21st January at the Christadelphian Church, and Rev Canon Dr Geoff Bayliss will be preaching. It will be preceded by a bring and share lunch at 1pm. If anyone would like to read at the service please contact them directly and see more details are on the attached poster in the Church porch.

Pro-life drinks. 7.30- 9pm, Friday 19th January. “Up in Arms”, Marston, OX3 OEN. *Whether you're new and would like to find out more or a seasoned pro-lifer, come along to relax with like-minded people and keep connected with the pro-life community in Oxford. All welcome!* Just turn up, and you can get in touch with Ed via <https://tinyurl.com/ox-pro-life>. And why not bring a friend?

Lectio Divina Prayer Group reconvenes at 17:30, Monday 22nd January 2024, at Greyfriars Library. Gospel reading Mark: 21-28. Br Martin Sanderson 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.

Oxford North Deanery Year of Prayer 2024 - monthly Deanery talks: All sessions (except May) from 7.00pm – 8.00pm in the various Parishes/locations indicated: Monday January 22nd Fr. Mervyn Tower (Corpus Christi, Headington- live streaming available);

Tuesday February 5th Fr. Harry Curtis (Our Lady Help of Christians, Cowley);

March tbc Fr. Nicholas Edmonds Smith C.O. (The Oratory);

Tuesday April 16th Br. Martin Mikuskiewicz OFM (Cap) (Greyfriars, Iffley Road);

Sunday May 12th Fr. John Saward (3.00pm SS. Gregory and Augustine, Woodstock Road);

June tbc Fr. Paul Whieldon (St. Joseph’s, Carterton);

Tuesday July 9th Fr. Nicholas OP (Blackfriars);

Tuesday September 24th Fr. Damian Howard SJ (Corpus Christi, Headington – live-streaming available). Other dates to follow.

Cake Sale - Sunday 4th February

There will be a cake sale together with refreshments after the 9am and 11am masses on Sunday 4th February. All donations of homemade or shop bought cakes gratefully received. All monies to go towards refurbishment of the church hall. Many thanks Helen, Claudia and Lourdes.

CAFOD School Volunteers needed.

Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in your local Catholic schools by delivering an assembly or a workshop? You will be supported by CAFOD with training and all resources will be provided and expenses paid. Do consider the role of CAFOD school volunteer. For more information contact Debbie Purfield dpurfield@cafod.org.uk or call 07786 114 390

Crib Collection this year is for the Friends of the Holy Land – to recognise the urgent needs of Christians in the land of our ‘Mother Church’. Thank you for your generosity.

Tea and Coffee – After 11am Mass every week. After 9am Mass on 1st Sunday of each month – next Sunday will be 4th February.

GIFT AID: All donors are reminded that they should let the gift aid organiser (Thelma Martin, edward854@edward854.plus.com or 01865 790065) or the Parish Priest know if they have changed their address, or in the case of those giving via banks, the amount they give. Up to date details are needed so that the tax can be reclaimed on their generous, and appreciated, donations.

Parish Donations

Collection Last Week: £381.17 Gift Aid: £118.50

Crib: £113.54

St. Anthony’s Bread: £3.05

Candles: £12.58

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.

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 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

The Mass Times

Sunday 14th January 2024 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Bernadette, Plarent & family	
9.00 a.m.	Anne, Jimmy & family	
11.00 a.m.	Parishioners	
5.30p.m.	Rev. Fr. Felix John Moronha R.I.P.	
Monday 15th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Br. John Delaney 2) C.M.A.	
Tuesday 16th		<i>Sts. Berard and his Comps.</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Br. Ade's Int. 2) Darlene Letey	
Wednesday 17th		<i>St. Anthony</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Fr. Colin Edwards 2) Friars and Benefactors	
Thursday 18th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Julia Stokes & family 2) Kathleen & Thade Joyce	
Friday 19th		
7.30 a.m.	Winnie Joyce R.I.P.	
Saturday 20th		
8.00 a.m.	Kieron Hughes	
6.30 p.m. (Vigil)	Sean Jennings R.I.P.	