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### **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians – 1:1-3

Gospel – John 1:29-34

On **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January** the Church begins the week of prayer for Christian unity. It is a painful and sad reality that so much division has taken place among those who are called by the Lord into unity. We can be grateful for so many good changes that have happened but we all know there is a long road ahead in striving for unity. Prayer is key to living in unity, and that prayer has to impact our relationships within our own community (fraternity, family, parish). We all share in this particular calling of bringing about unity. How do I constructively bring it about in my setting?

**The funeral of Frank Whitley R.I.P.** will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30pm. May his soul rest in peace. We pray for his family, that they will be consoled by the Lord during this time.

**The funeral of Patrick Franklin R.I.P.** will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 12noon. May his soul rest in peace. We pray for his family that they will be consoled by the Lord during this time.

**Parish Priest** will be away from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> until Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Anything urgent please contact Br. Gordon.

**Urgent** – We urgently need someone to help with the washing and ironing of the various liturgical cloths that are used for the celebration of Mass. If more than one person volunteers, it would make the job a lot easier and manageable. Thanking you in anticipation for your generosity.

**Monthly Morning Retreat** “I put my hope in your Word” (Psl. 119, 114), every 3rd Saturday of the month, from 9.15-11am, at St Edmund and St Frideswide Church. Next meeting is Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January. The monthly morning retreat intends to be an opportunity for more time spent in prayer and contemplation to deepen one’s relationship with God. This shall be a quiet time of prayer with the word of God where one may take the opportunity to more clearly hear God’s call. For more information please contact Claudia Azevedo, [claudia4azevedo@gmail.com](mailto:claudia4azevedo@gmail.com)

**Taize Prayer Group** - The next Taizé will be on Thursday 26 January 2023 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.

**Date for diary – Open Parish Meeting** will be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 1pm in the Church Hall. Please join us for an update on what has been happening the parish, a chance to ask questions you may have or if you wish to get involved in parish life. This will be followed by refreshments and bring and share lunch.

**Rosary Prayer Group** – due to lack of participation we have decided to stop the Rosary Prayer Group on Friday evenings. We do pray the Rosary together on Wednesday mornings after Mass.

**Refreshments in the hall** – All are welcome to come for tea/coffee and cake/biscuits and get to know your fellow parishioners.

**Intercessory Prayer Group** 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.

**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.

### **Parish Donations**

Collection Last Week: £461.39

Gift Aid: £55

Lifeshouse Charity: £268.43

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

**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 and Gillian Mellor. 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**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

6.30 p.m. (Sat) Br. Pradeep's Int.

9.00 a.m. John and Steffie Int.

11.00 a.m. Parishioners

5.30 p.m. Kieron Hughes Int.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>**

***Sts. Berard and his  
Companions***

7.30 a.m. Friars and Benefactors

4.30 p.m. Reception of the body of Frank  
Whitley R.I.P.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Kieron Hughes

***St Antony of the desert***

7.30 a.m.

1.30 p.m. Funeral of Frank Whitley R.I.P.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m. Friars and Benefactors

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>**

***St Bernard of Corleone***

7.30 a.m. Christy and Winnie Joyce R.I.P.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m. Kieron Hughes

12 noon Funeral of Patrick Franklin R.I.P.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>**

***St. Agnes***

8.00 a.m. Vocations

6.30 p.m. (Vigil) Mary Gaffey R.I.P.

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