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Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) **5th November 2023**

1st Reading – Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10
Psalm – Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.
2nd Reading – 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13
Gospel – Matthew 23:1-12

Second Collection – This Sunday there is a second collection for the Johnson Association that supports retired and sick clergy in the Archdiocese.

Pope's Prayer Intention for November – We pray for the Holy Father, as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Mrs Eileen Mary Daly R.I.P. – please pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Mary Daly, who passed away on 13th October. Her funeral service will be held here, at Greyfriars on Tuesday 7th 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 on the Altar and Mass will be offered each day for all those on the lists.

Lectio Divina Prayer Group will continue at 17:30 on Monday 6th November, in Greyfriar's Library. Gospel reading for next two weeks: 1) Matthew 23:1-12. Br. Martin 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.

Pro-life drinks. 7.30-9pm, Friday 10th November "Up in Arms", Marston, OX3 0EN. 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. You can get in touch with Ed via <https://tinyurl.com/ox-pro-life>. And why not bring a friend?

Fr Ian Ker Memorial Lecture, Sunday 12th 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.

'The Joy of Hope' Café is an engaging and informal discussion series exploring the virtue of hope and what it means for us today. The first session is entitled *Do not be afraid*. Each of the four sessions will start with refreshments beforehand and then run for about an hour. All welcome and no need to book – just come along. The venue is **Corpus Christi Parish Hall, Margaret Road, Headington, OX3 8AJ** (parking is available close by in Margaret Rd and Wharton Rd). The session dates are Thursday November: 9th, 23rd and 30th. Refreshments at 7.45pm for an 8.00pm start on 2nd (the final three sessions will be 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start).

Tea and Coffee – will now be held on the first Sunday of every month after 9am Mass. Sunday 5th November will be the first Sunday. After 11am Mass will be held every week.

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. Thank you.

First Holy Communion – There will be a meeting with parents of children preparing for their 1st 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 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.

Parish Donations

Collection Last Week: £341.54

Gift Aid: £77

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.

Sunday 5th November 2023 Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Maria da Costa Sãrio Fernandes R.I.P. & Constancio da Costa dos Santos R.I.P.	
9.00 a.m.	Parishioners	
11.00 a.m.	Nellie Quirke R.I.P.	
5.30 p.m.	Paul Watts R.I.P.	
Monday 6th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Kieran Hughes 2) November Dead Lists	
Tuesday 7th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Natasha, John Joyce & family 2) Mary Gaffey R.I.P. 3) November Dead Lists	
11.00 a.m.	Eileen Mary Daly R.I.P.	<i>Funeral Service</i>
Wednesday 8th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Friars & Benefactors 2) November Dead Lists	<i>Bl. John Dun Scotus</i>
Thursday 9th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Br. Pradeep's Int. 2) November Dead Lists	<i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>
Friday 10th		
7.30 a.m.	1) St. Anthony's Guild 2) November Dead Lists	<i>St. Leo the Great</i>
Saturday 11th		
8.00 a.m.	1) Marie Green R.I.P. 2) November Dead Lists	<i>St. Martin of Tours</i>
6.30 p.m. (Vigil)	Thanksgiving	