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**Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
12th November 2023**

1st Reading – Wisdom 6:12-16
Psalm – For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.
2nd Reading – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel – Matthew 25:1-13

Please note there will be no morning confessions on Saturday 18th November due to a meeting of the brothers.

Lectio Divina Prayer Group will continue at 17:30 on Monday 13th 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.

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.

World Youth Sunday is coming up later this month on Sunday 26th November, Feast of Christ the King, a day on which Pope Francis invites the global Church to celebrate and pray for young people. In Lisbon this year, Pope Francis told young people that "Jesus' door is always open: Come and See!" This has inspired the theme for World Youth Day celebrations in England and Wales for 2023, and there are several World Youth Day resources **available**

here: <https://worldyouthsunday.org/wyd2023>. As with previous years since lockdown, we are pleased to welcome schools and other groups to the **World Youth Funday LIVESTREAM!** An interactive live-streamed day with prayer, special guests, activities, and faith in action for all ages. Last year, 15, 000 young people joined us from classrooms across England and Wales and we hope you'll all be back for World Youth Funday 2023!

Greyfriars Catholic School Christmas Fayre – 2nd December 10am-2pm

Free entry, all invited to support our local Catholic school. Music, shopping, food, celebration, raffle. Put the date in your diary and make sure to turn up!

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers."

'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: 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 – After 9am Mass on 1st Sunday of each month. After 11am Mass 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: £380.67 Gift Aid: £78

Johnson Association: £156.76

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. **No confessions on morning of Saturday 18th November.**

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 12th November 2023 Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Thanksgiving	
9.00 a.m.	Elliemay & Francie Riley	
11.00 a.m.	Parishioners	
5.30 p.m.	Private Int	
Monday 13th		
7.30 a.m.	1) C.M.A. 2) November Dead Lists	
Tuesday 14th		
		<i>St. Nicholas Tavelich & Comp.</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Diarand & Darie Keenan & family 2) November Dead Lists	
Wednesday 15th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Br. Ade's Int. 2) November Dead Lists	
Thursday 16th		
		<i>St. Edmund of Abingdon</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Kieran Hughes 2) November Dead Lists	
Friday 17th		
		<i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Friars & Benefactors 2) November Dead Lists	
Saturday 18th		
8.00 a.m.	1) Patrick & Sarah Davey R.I.P. 2) November Dead Lists	
6.30 p.m. (Vigil)	Helen & John Collins & family	