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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
19th November 2023

1st Reading – Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
Psalm – Oh blessed are those who fear the Lord.
2nd Reading – Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel – Matthew 25:14-30

Second collection for World Youth Sunday will be next weekend, 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>**.

Advent Walk with Me booklets are now available in the Church porch. The theme this year comes from the prayers of Mary, Zechariah, Simeon and Anna and the example of St John the Baptist. Booklets cost £1 each. Thank you.

Lectio Divina Prayer Group – our last session will be at 17:30pm on Monday 20th November, in Greyfriar’s Library. Gospel reading will be Matthew 25:31-46. 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.

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!

Nativity Mass on Christmas Eve at 5.30pm – If your child/children would like to take part in this Mass, please can you give your name and contact number to a brother, who will pass it onto to the organiser, Sarah. Sarah will be in touch with a date for a rehearsal. We will need a Joseph, Mary, and Angel Gabriel plus lots of shepherds and angels!

Oxford Pro-Life Rosary Witness: On Saturday 2nd December (On Our Lady's first Saturday of the Month) all pro-lifers are warmly invited to recite the Rosary for the end of abortion and in defence of life. We will be meeting outside the Clarendon building at 48 Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3AZ at 12 pm. Now more than ever Catholics must stand up in defence of life for all the innocent unborn. Please join us in taking up the powerful Rosary in this mission of witnessing to the Gospel of life and for the conversion of hearts and minds.

For more info contact Honor Roberts at honorroberts@hotmail.com

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. Each session offers refreshments from 7.15pm and starts at 7.30pm, 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**. The theme for Thurs 23rd Nov is '*Heaven on Earth*' and for the concluding session on Thurs 30th November: '*The River of Life*'. Parking is available in Margaret Rd and Wharton Rd, close by the Corpus Christi parish hall in Headington

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: £482.29 Gift Aid: £435

Second Collections: Gift Aid: £65

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.

Mass Times

Sunday 19th November 2023 Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Helen and John Collins	
9.00 a.m.	Kathleen Davey R.I.P.	
11.00 a.m.	Marie Green R.I.P.	
5.30 p.m.	Parishioners	
Monday 20th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Kieron Hughes 2) November Dead Lists	
Tuesday 21st		
		<i>The presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Friars and Benefactors 2) November Dead Lists	
Wednesday 22nd		
		<i>St. Cecilia</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Pious Union 2) November Dead Lists	
Thursday 23rd		
7.30 a.m.	1) Raymond Keown R.I.P. 2) November Dead Lists	
Friday 24th		
		<i>All Souls of the Seraphic Order</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Thanksgiving 2) November Dead Lists	
Saturday 25th		
8.00 a.m.	November Dead Lists	
6.30 p.m. (Vigil)	Sabrina Collins R.I.P.	