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The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B)  
21<sup>st</sup> January 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Jonah 3:1-5,10

Psalm – Lord, make me know your ways.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel – Mark 1:14-20

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

**Plenary Indulgence in Franciscan Churches:** From the 8th December till 2nd February, the faithful who visit a Franciscan church in order to stop and pray in front of the nativity scene can receive a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions (be in a state of grace, pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, receive the Lord in the Eucharist). This gift and privilege granted to all our Franciscan churches throughout the world by our Holy Father is to mark the occasion of the 800th anniversary of Christmas in Greccio, where St. Francis of Assisi wanted to commemorate the birth of the Lord starting with a nativity scene leading to the Eucharistic celebration, where Jesus Christ makes himself present in the bread and wine.

**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.

**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](mailto:iffleycross@gmail.com).

### **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.

**A Day with Mary** – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February at Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi, Earley, Reading. 10am until 4.15pm. Please join us for a day of instruction, devotion and intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. See poster in porch for further details.

**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 Seward (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.

### **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](mailto:dpurfield@cafod.org.uk) or call 07786 114 390

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

**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.

**Gift Aid:** All donors are reminded that they should let the gift aid organiser Thelma Martin, ([edward854@edward854.plus.com](mailto: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: £382.42      Gift Aid: £58

Second Collection: 223.62

Crib: £43.42

St. Anthony’s Bread: £33.95      Candles: £11.26

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.

**Intercessory Prayers** - 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.

*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](mailto:sg.ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.*

## The Mass Times

Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2024 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Sean Jennings R.I.P.	
9.00 a.m.	Anne, Jimmy & family	
11.00 a.m.	Brendan Curran R.I.P.	
5.30p.m.	Parishioners	
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>		
7.30 a.m.	1) Abbey, Martin & children 2) Kieron Hughes	
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>		
		<i>St. Nicholas Owen</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Darlene Letey Int. 2) Pious Union	
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>		
		<i>St. Francis de Sales</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Anne, Jimmy & family 2) Arthur Collins & family	
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b>		
		<i>The Conversion of St. Paul</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Sabrena Collins R.I.P. 2) Darlene Letey Int.	
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup></b>		
		<i>Sts. Timothy and Titus</i>
7.30 a.m.	Friars and Benefactors	
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup></b>		
8.00 a.m.	Kathleen Mullagh R.I.P.	
6.30 p.m. (Vigil)	Parishioners	

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