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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22nd January 2023

1st Reading – Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Psalm – The Lord is my light and my help.

2nd Reading – First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians – 1:10-13, 17

Gospel – Matthew 4:12-23

In today's Gospel account, Jesus is calling His disciples. One by one, as different as each character is, they are called to leave everything they were used to doing in life and set out on a new adventure. A new life awaits each one. Not so long afterwards, St. Paul sees the Corinthians struggling to live the dream. The community has seemingly forgotten to follow the most important person in the community, Jesus, and factions and disagreements have spread. People began to take sides, depending on whom they liked more and presumably who promised them or said things they wanted to have or to hear. It all happens very naturally and sometimes in a very subtle way, after all we have our likes and dislikes. The danger for the Christian community is that we may end up as followers of Brother or Father so and so, and lose sight of the Lord.

One solution for jealousy or envy is thankfulness. St. Paul reminds us of the truth that without the Lord nothing would take place at any stage of the life of the community. Each person has a specific role to fulfil, and a unique set of gifts in order to bring that mission to fruition, but the source of this variety is the Lord. He it is who sends His Spirit into us, and who ensures that we are brought together as one community for the Eucharist. Let us continue our prayer for the gift of unity.

Parish Priest will be back on Saturday 28th January. Anything urgent please contact Br. Gordon.

Young Adult Group for 18-35s at Holy Rood Church on Abingdon Road. Our next meeting is Monday the 23rd of January with Br John Bosco, OCD. He will talk on '*Jesus Christ in the Pauline letters - Who was He?*' Arrive from 19:00 and we will begin at 19:30, have a discussion, pray and end at 21:00. Contact Kate on 07933765367 if you have any questions. All are welcome.

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 4th 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 a bring and share lunch.

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 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 John and Sam.

Parish Donations

Collection Last Week: £347.23

Gift Aid: £27

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 22nd January 2023 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

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

9.00 a.m. Br. Tom Herbst R.I.P.

11.00 a.m. Joseph Fleming R.I.P.

5.30 p.m. Parishioners

Monday 23rd

St. Nicholas Owen

7.30 a.m. Helen and Johnnyboy Collins
Int.

Tuesday 24th

Kieron Hughes

St. Francis de Sales

7.30 a.m.

Wednesday 25th

The Conversion of St. Paul

7.30 a.m. Sylvia Collins Int.

Thursday 26th

Sts. Timothy and Titus

7.30 a.m. C.M.A.

Friday 27th

7.30 a.m. Friars and Benefactors

Saturday 28th

St. Thomas Aquinas

8.00 a.m. St. Anthony's Guild

6.30 p.m. (Vigil) Kieron Hughes

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