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**Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)**  
**21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Responsorial Psalm: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel – John 10:11-18

**Second collection** this weekend will be for the Clergy Training Fund, which pays for the formation of future priests and deacons for our Archdiocese. Thank you for your generosity.

**Please note** there will be *no* confessions on the morning of Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

**Lectio Divina Prayer Group** – continues on Monday 22nd April at 5.30pm at Greyfriars Library. Gospel reading John 14:1-12. 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).

**Funeral for Mary Sugden R.I.P.** – will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 11am, here at Greyfriars. We pray for the repose of the soul of Mary who died over the Easter weekend. She has been a long-standing member of this parish and until very recently still helped us with counting our collection money every week. May she rest in peace and experience the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

**Funeral for Bernadette Smith R.I.P.** – will be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 11am, here at Greyfriars. We pray for the repose of the soul of Bernadette. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**Oxford North Deanery Year of Prayer 2024 - monthly Deanery talks:**

All sessions (except May and June) from 7.00pm – 8.00pm in the various Parishes/ locations indicated:

Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> Fr. John Seward (3.00pm SS. Gregory and Augustine, Woodstock Road).

Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup> Fr. Paul Whieldon (4.30pm St. Joseph's, Carterton)

Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup> Fr. Nicholas Crowe OP (Blackfriars)

Tuesday September 24<sup>th</sup> Fr. Damian Howard SJ (Corpus Christi, Headington – live-streaming available)

Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup> Fr. Joe Evans (Opus Dei – Holy Rood, Abingdon Road)

**Annual Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage** - An invitation is extended to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, to our annual Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 12 Noon, followed by light refreshments. Please visit.

**Date for Diary:** Our Parish Social will be on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July, where we will bring and share dishes and bid a fond farewell to Br. Martin. Further details nearer the time.

**Church Hall** - A reminder that the Church hall is available to hire. Please email [ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk) and in subject mark Hall Hire and we will be in touch.

**Church Hall update** – after a lengthy process of applying for grants to help renovate the hall, we have not been successful, so we have decided that instead of keep applying for grants, we need to start work on the hall with monies raised so far. Work carried out will be minimum, but most importantly we need to include disabled access and toilet facilities as well as painting the hall to smarten it up. If you would like to make a donation, now is the time, so that we can plan according to the money we have. Many thanks for your generosity. Donations can be made online – see details on the website, or cheque/cash to Br. Martin.

**A Year of Encounter** - With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice.

Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) for more information, including online sessions on Thursday 25th April and Saturday 4th May to learn more.

### **Parish Donations**

First Collection: £326.12

Gift Aid: £36.50

St. Anthony's Bread: £32.21

Candles: £31.21

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.

**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.

**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, John Roche and Bernadette O'Reilly. 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.

### 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.

*The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Anne Harpin. She 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

Fourth Sunday of Easter, 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2024 (Year B)		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Parishioners	
9.00 a.m.	Mary Sugden R.I.P.	
11.00 a.m.	Friars Int.	
5.30 p.m.	Susana Lee R.I.P.	
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>		
7.30 a.m.	1) Sylvia Collins and family 2) Anezka Birthday Int.	
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>		
		<i>St. George</i>
7.30 a.m.	Darlene Letey	
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>		
		<i>St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen</i>
7.30 a.m.	Pious Union	
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b>		
		<i>St. Mark</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Sabrena Collins R.I.P.; Timmy, Margaret Joyce and family and Helen, Johnnyboy Collins and family	
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup></b>		
7.30 a.m.	Friars and Benefactors	
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup></b>		
8.00 a.m.	Bernadette Smith R.I.P.	
6.30 p.m.	Susana Lee R.I.P.	

**Sacrament of Penance (Confession):** Saturdays 11am-12noon, 5.30pm-6.15pm and by appointment. NO confessions on the morning of 27<sup>th</sup> April.