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Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B)
10th March 2024

1st Reading – Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

Psalm – Oh let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

2nd Reading – St Paul to the Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel – John 3:14-21

Mary Farrow R.I.P. – we pray for the repose of the soul of Mary, who recently died. Please keep the family in your prayers during this time.

Stations of the Cross – continues this Friday, 15th March. We will meditate on the Stations of the Cross at 7pm in the church. We walk from station to station in order to relive the mystery of Our Lord's Passion and Death that He has undergone out of love for us and in order to set us free from sin.

Lectio Divina Prayer Group – Please note there is **no** Lectio Divina this Monday, 11th March. We hope to reconvene on Monday 18th March.

Gift Aid donors who give using weekly envelopes please collect next year's supply from the Sacristy. If you have been left out or would like to use Gift Aid, please contact Thelma Martin edward854@edward854.plus.com.

Four Cafe style sessions to be held on Thursdays evenings during Lent, 7.15pm for 7.30pm, in Corpus Christi parish hall, on the theme of 'Prayer and living the Catholic Life' continuing on Thursday 14^h March. All sessions will use resources

from the Catholic Sycamore Programme. Please find attached an overview flyer with full details.

Here also are details of Night prayer on Tuesdays in Lent, via Zoom....
Night Prayer via Zoom - Tuesdays in Lent at 9.30pm for 20 minutes.All are welcome to join in the peace of Compline (the Night Prayer of the Church), via Zoom, on Tuesdays in Lent (12th, 19th & 26th Mar) at 9.30pm. No need to book, just join here via Zoom:<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77238078564?pwd=oPnorMNMTO8Kioa4TvKbmK4XkKfKzI.1>.

Cowley Road Walk of Witness – Good Friday (29th March 2024) 10.30am. Walk from Cowley Road Methodist Church to St. Mary and St. John Church, followed by a service in their church at 12 noon. Please see poster in Church Porch.

Caritas, Social Action Network and St John of God Hospitaller Services provides refuge for those fleeing ongoing conflict in Ukraine and safeguarding the well-being of Ukrainians already residing in the UK. If you are interested in hosting please look at our website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>. Please take a prayer card available in the church porch.

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:

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).

RESPONDING TO THE CALL OF CREATION - MARCH 2024 - New scientific research has revealed more evidence of accelerated melting in Antarctica. Ice bumps are visible on the surface of ice shelves and show pinning points which stop the shelves from flowing quickly into the ocean. But these bumps are decreasing in number, meaning the ice can now flow more quickly into the sea. Ultimately, this will cause sea levels to rise around the world. Source: BBC, Miles and Bingham (2024). Here are some ways to help:

- *Live Simply* - Spend time away from devices. We absorb ourselves in technology every day. Try switching time on your phone or watching TV for time outside, meeting up with friends or family, or reading a book!

- *Live Sustainably* - Ethical Easter Eggs. When buying Easter gifts, consider ways to find more environmentally friendly alternatives, you could try to find eggs with plastic-free packaging and with local, organic or Fairtrade ingredients. Why not try making your own eggs instead or make a reusable egg to fill with ethical gifts.
- *Live in Solidarity* - Ahead of Easter, consider donating Easter eggs or other Easter gifts to your local food bank to support people in your local area. You could even go one step further and volunteer your time to the food bank!
- *CAFOD Big Lent Walk 2024* - Struggling to think of ways of to get involved with almsgiving this Lent? CAFOD are encouraging people to commit to walking 200km over the 40 days of Lent and fundraise along the way. Find out more at: <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/big-lent-walk>.

Parish Donations

Collection Last Week: £491.97

Gift Aid: £86

Cathedral Maintenance: £175.36

Gift Aid: £17

St. Anthony's Bread: £6

Hall renovations £67.55

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.

Tea and Coffee – After 11am Mass every week. After 9am Mass on 1st Sunday of each month – next Sunday will be 7th April, which will be a cake sale as well.

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.

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 and John Roche. 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.

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 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

The Mass Times

Sunday 10 th March 2024 Fourth Sunday in Lent (Year B)		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Raul Monis R.I.P.	
9.00 a.m.	Afonso family int.	
11.00 a.m.	Parishioners	
5.30p.m.	Reis Amaral family	
Monday 11th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Kieron Hughes 2) Holy Spirit's guidance for the success of the Capuchin Delegation Chapter	
Tuesday 12th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Keown family int. 2) Darlene Letey	
Wednesday 13th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Patrick Downes R.I.P. 2) Friars & Benefactors	
Thursday 14th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Adma Salloum R.I.P. 2) St Anthony's Guild	
Friday 15th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Agnes Rafferty R.I.P. 2) Mrs Bernadette Smith Int.	
Saturday 16th		
8.00 a.m.	Julimira & Josefa Barbosa R.I.P.	
6.30 p.m. (Vigil)	Jorge Garcia Valent R.I.P.	

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