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Fourth Sunday of Lent – 19th March 2023

1st Reading – Samuel 16:1, 6-7,10-13

Psalm – The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading – St Paul to the Ephesians

Gospel – John 9:1-41

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers in the parish and beyond

Gift Aid for the next financial year: - Would donors who give by using envelopes please collect their 2023-24 envelopes from the Sacristy. If you normally pay by envelope but have been omitted, please contact the Parish Priest or the Gift Aid Organiser, Mrs Thelma Martin at: edward854@edward854.plus.com. The Parish is very grateful for your offerings.

Catholic Bishop's Conference - Bishop's comments on illegal migration bill, for information please visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishop-comments-on-illegal-migration-bill/>.

Nora Reilly R.I.P. – We pray for the repose of the soul of Nora, and we keep in prayer her family at this time. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Cleaning the Church for Easter: We are looking for volunteers to 'spring clean' the Church on Monday 3rd April at 2pm. Thank you in advance in helping with this.

Father Hudson's Care - on Monday evening 20th March, 7.30 -8.30 p.m. there is an online Zoom session for anyone interested in how parishes can support older

people and those who experience dementia. It has been prepared by Father Hudson's Care working with a number of local parish groups. The session is free. Please sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/a-welcoming-church-1741579>.

Night Prayer via Zoom – Tuesday, 21st March, 9.30pm - Do join us for Compline (the Night Prayer of the Church). An opportunity to share 20 minutes in prayer at the end of the day. All welcome, join via:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74943486160?pwd=bEbJnesAMU0jhVMATU55rGQ1WvqsC7.1>

Belong & Believe Café course – Lent 2023 - Do come along for informal and engaging café style weekly discussions exploring how our Celtic past can help us live the Christian life more fully today. Next session will be Thursday 23rd March, 7.15pm, in Corpus Christi parish hall, Margaret Rd, Headington, OX3 8AJ. No need to book. Further details from John Kirwan. E: johnkirwan1a@gmail.com.

Óscar Romero: the Witness of Relics, 24 March, 5.30pm-6.30pm, Pembroke College. Dr Jan Graffius will speak on 'Óscar Romero: The Witness of Relics', discussing how curatorial and conservation techniques have given these extraordinary artefacts a voice and have revealed some hitherto unknown evidence of the last seconds of St Óscar Romero's life. The lecture is free to attend and there will be a drinks reception. More information and register: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/oscar-romero-the-witness-of-relics-tickets-514137668607>.

Stations of the Cross – This coming Friday we will meditate on the Stations of the Cross at 7pm in the church.

Parish Pilgrimage to Italy – There are a few spaces available! We're planning a pilgrimage for a group of 20 to visit Pompeii, Monte Casino, Pietrelcina (birth place of St Padre Pio) and San Giovanni Rotondo where St. Pio spend most of his life and where his tomb is. Planned pilgrimage is from 11th to the 17th October 2023 and the rough cost would be around £1000 per person. If you are interested please contact Br. Martin as soon as possible.

The Pope Francis Catholic Multi Academy Company (PFMAC). The Board of Directors are currently recruiting new members of the Board. Please follow the link to read the letter from the Chair, Paul Concannon. <https://www.pfmac.org.uk/page/?title=Recruiting+New+Directors&pid=164>.

The Fathers of the Oratory are seeking a cook for Oratory House, preparing evening meals six days a week and Sunday lunch for up to 12 people (27hrs per week). If you would like more information please email: minister@oxfordoratory.org.uk.

Estates Manager position working for Father Hudson's Care across multiple sites in Coleshill. The role is full time (37 hours) with a salary of £35086-40152 and an on call allowance of £110 per week (usually on call 2 out of every 4 weeks). If you would like to discuss the Estate Manager position please call our CEO Andy Quinn on 07966 935533 (direct applicants only, no agencies), or see vacancy details and download an application form here <https://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk/vacancies/facilities-manager/337.htm>.

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 – If you would like to help clean the Church, please let Br. Martin know. Thank you to those who keep our church and sacristy clean and tidy. This week is the turn of the Michael.

Parish Donations

Collection Last Week: £446.25

Gift Aid: £39

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish, 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, Gillian Mellor, Br. Michael Hargan. 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.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 19th March 2023 Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A)		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Das Dores family members R.I.P.	
9.00 a.m.	Wilks & Houlihan family Int.	
11.00 a.m.	Joes Winnie Joyce R.I.P.	
5.30 p.m.	Parshioners	
Monday 20th		<i>Solemnity of St. Joseph</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Br. Antonio's Int. 2) Maggie in thanksgiving for Christ's healing	
Tuesday 21st		
7.30 a.m.	1) C.M.A. 2) Kieron Hughes	
Wednesday 22nd		
7.30 a.m.	Father Michael Beattie R.I.P.	
Thursday 23rd		
7.30 a.m.	1) Bernadette Benkley R.I.P. 2) Friars and Benefactors	
Friday 24th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Nora R.I.P. & Peter Reilly 2) Kieron Hughes	
Saturday 25th		<i>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</i>
8.00 a.m.	Celicia Lemos & Carlos Godinho Int.	
6.30 p.m. (Vigil)	Sabrena Collins R.I.P.	

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