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Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)
28th April 2024

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Responsorial Psalm: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel – John 15:1-8

New Auxiliary Bishops of Birmingham – We pray for Mgr. Timothy Menezes and Canon Richard Walker who have been appointed by the Holy Father as Auxiliary Bishops for our Archdiocese as they prepare for their episcopal ordination.

Lectio Divina Prayer Group – continues on Monday 29th April at 5.30pm at Greyfriars Library. Gospel reading John 15:9-17. 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.

First Friday Devotions in honour of the Sacred Heart of Our Lord will be held this Friday, 3rd May at 7pm in the church. There will be a possibility to receive the sacrament of the anointing of the sick after the Mass.

Mass and Confessions in Cantonese will be held at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Headington on Saturday 4th May, starting 2.15p.m. for Confessions and 3.00 p.m. for Mass, followed by tea and coffee and a sharing session. Please see poster in Church porch for more information.

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 4th May at 12 Noon, followed by light refreshments. Please visit.

The annual **International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians** will take place on the Sixth Sunday of Easter (5 May 2024), with the participation of Christians from all over Europe, the Middle East, the Horn of Africa, India and Ukraine. For further detailed information/resources about its observance, including a Bidding Prayer and a general prayer composed by Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald, please visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/cardinal-fitzgerald-give-thanks-to-god-for-eastern-christians/>

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

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 12th Fr. John Seward (3.00pm SS. Gregory and Augustine, Woodstock Road).

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

Tuesday July 9th Fr. Nicholas Crowe OP (Blackfriars)

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

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

Cafod Sudan Appeal - millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal in church or at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

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 for more information, including an online session on 4th May to learn more.

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.

Parish Donations

First Collection: £360.76

Gift Aid: £76

Clergy Training: £214.49

Gift Aid: 18.50

St. Anthony's Bread: £48.26

Candles: £14.16

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 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.

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter, 28 th April 2024 (Year B)		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Susana Lee R.I.P.	
9.00 a.m.	Parishioners	
11.00 a.m.	Jorge Garcia Valente R.I.P.	
5.30 p.m.	Arthur Collins and family	
Monday 29th		<i>Feast of St. Catherine of Siena</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Mateus Casamiro Lopes R.I.P. 2) Vocations	
Tuesday 30th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Joe Joyce and family 2) Darlene Letey	
Wednesday 1st		<i>St. Joseph the Worker</i>
7.30 a.m.	Friars and Benefactors	
Thursday 2nd		<i>St. Athanasius</i>
7.30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving	
Friday 3rd		<i>Feast of Ss. Philip and James</i>
7.30 a.m.	Kieron Hughes	
7.00 p.m.	In Honour of the Sacred Heart	
Saturday 4th		<i>Feast of English Martyrs</i>
8.00 a.m.	Darlene Letey	
6.30 p.m.	Susana Lee R.I.P.	

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