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Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B)
17th March 2024

1st Reading – Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm – A pure heart create for me, O God.
2nd Reading – Hebrews 5:7-9
Gospel – John 12:20-30

Important dates and times for the diary:

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral – Wednesday 27th March at 11.30am
Mass of the Lord's Supper – Maundy Thursday 28th March at 7.30pm
Good Friday Walk of Witness – Starts at 10.30am from the Methodist church on Cowley Road
Celebration of the Lord's Passion – Good Friday 29th March at 3pm
Easter Vigil Mass – Holy Saturday 30th March at 9pm
Easter Sunday Masses – Sunday 31st March at 9am and 11am. NO EVENING MASS

Penitential Service – On Monday of Holy Week, 25th March at 7pm, we will be having a penitential service in our parish. It is an opportunity to come together as a community to reflect more deeply on our faithfulness to God's will in our lives and to seek God's gift of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Washing of the Feet – During the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the main celebrant washes the feet of 12 people, imitating the Lord's example of washing the feet of the disciples at the Last Supper. There is a list at the back of the church with a space for 12 names. If you will be here on Maundy Thursday evening for Mass at 7.30pm and would like to help us in this celebration by having your foot washed, then please put your name down and ensure you come to church early on that evening and make yourself known 15 minutes before the start of Mass.

Mary Farrow R.I.P. – Requiem Mass for Mary Farrow will take place on Thursday 21st March at 10.30am at SS. Gregory & Augustine church in Oxford. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Stations of the Cross – continues this Friday, 22nd 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 – Reconvenes on Monday 18th March at 7.30pm at Greyfriars Library. Gospel reading Mark: 11:1-10. 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.

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.

Good news for Greyfriars School – In case you missed the news recently, here's a link to celebrate the progress of our local Catholic Secondary School: <https://www.greyfriarsoxford.org.uk/our-school/latest-news/greyfriars-is-a-good-school-ofsted-2023>

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 21st 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 (19th & 26th Mar) at 9.30pm. No need to book, just join here via Zoom:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77238078564?pwd=oPnorMNMTO8Kioa4TvKbmK4XkKfKzl.1>.

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.

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).

Parish Donations

Collection Last Week: £373.70

Gift Aid: £63.10

St. Anthony's Bread: £17.40

Candles: £31.42

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 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 17th March 2024 Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B)		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Jorge Garcia Valent R.I.P.	
9.00 a.m.	Domingas & Florentina Soares	
11.00 a.m.	Robert's Birthday Int.	
5.30p.m.	Parishioners	
Monday 18th		<i>St. Patrick</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Thanksgiving and prayers for family 2) Friars and Benefactors	
Tuesday 19th		<i>St Joseph, husband of the B.V.M.</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Kieron Hughes 2) Darlene Letey	
Wednesday 20th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Nin & Joyer & family 2) Thank God for everything	
Thursday 21st		
7.30 a.m.	1) Br. Ade's Int. 2) Helen & family Int.	
Friday 22nd		
7.30 a.m.	1) Derek Day R.I.P. 2) C.M.A.	
Saturday 23rd		
8.00 a.m.	Mateus & Rosa Da Silva	
6.30 p.m.	Parishioners	

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