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### **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Isaiah 58:7-10

Psalm – The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel – Matthew 5:13-16

You are the salt and the light. Salt adds flavour and preserves things, and light is essential for life to develop and grow. This is also a definition of who we are meant to be. As a follower of the Gospel, if the way I treat others or the way I speak with them or about them, does not contribute to their growth and development, then I have lost sight of the Gospel. If God is love, and as St. Francis says, I lose peace over the sin of another, then I lack charity and hence God. It is a great calling to be the salt and the light, but with great callings come great responsibilities. Our chief responsibility is to keep looking at the Lord as into a mirror to see which way we're heading. That is why we come to Mass – to feed on the Body and Blood of Jesus in order to become like Him. That's the beautiful work that His Spirit accomplishes within us so that our light may truly be dazzling and clearly visible to others. Next time you find yourself judging or reacting to someone, ask the Spirit to remind you of the love that we need to have and carry in our hearts as we bring the Lord's presence to others.

**Mass Intentions** – In the newsletter you will see that on certain days there may be two Mass intentions mentioned. One priest can only offer Mass for one particular intention. We have decided to include all the Mass intentions to avoid any unfortunate confusion or misunderstanding. Your donations when booking

the Mass go towards support of the friars. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Young Adult Group for 18-35s** at Holy Rood Church on Abingdon Road. Our next meeting is Monday the 6th of February at 19:30 with Fr John Hughes, OCD. Arrive from 19:00 and we will begin the talk at 19:30, have a discussion and end with prayer by 21:00. Contact Kate on 07933765367 if you have any questions. All are welcome.

**The funeral Mass for Lucia Cistone R.I.P.** will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 10am. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for her family at this difficult time.

**Pray with St. Francis and St. Clare** – You're welcome to join the friars for a time of prayer this **Wednesday 8th February, 5.30-6.15pm**. Please come to the friary door and join us in the friary chapel. You can join us on every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

**Thomas Maughan R.I.P. and Santiago Augusto R.I.P.** – We pray for the repose of the souls of Thomas Maughan and Santiago Augusto who died recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

**Candles** – A gentle reminder that candles cost 20p each, the slot for money is in the wall in front of Our Lady's Chapel. Thank you for your support.

**Online School of the Word**, – next meeting is Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Time of prayer with the Word of God, using the Lectio Divina method. Please use the following link: **meeting ID: 89815074699. Passcode: 868129**. For more information please contact Claudia Azevedo: [claudia4azevedo@gmail.com](mailto:claudia4azevedo@gmail.com)

**40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration** – On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 9:00am – 9:00pm, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 7:00am – 9:00pm, there is a time of prayer for the repose of the soul of Pope Benedict XVI and all Holy Souls at St. John Henry Newman's Chapel in Littlemore. For times of daily prayer in common check the poster at the back of the church.

**Monthly Morning Retreat** "I put my hope in your Word" (Psl. 119, 114), every 3rd Saturday of the month, from 8.30am, at St Edmund and St Frideswide Church.

Next meeting will be on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February. The monthly morning retreat intends to be an opportunity for more time spent in prayer and contemplation to deepen one's relationship with God. This shall be a quiet time of prayer with the word of God where one may take the opportunity to more clearly hear God's call. For more information please contact Claudia Azevedo, [claudia4azevedo@gmail.com](mailto:claudia4azevedo@gmail.com)

**Refreshments in the hall** – Please note refreshments are served after 11am Mass only. Tea, coffee, cake and biscuits. Come along and get to know your fellow parishioners.

Refreshments after 9am Mass are stopping from this weekend until further notice.

**Intercessory Prayer Group** 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.

**Parish cleaners** - Thank you to those who keep our church and sacristy clean and tidy. This week is the turn of the Angelika and Olivia.

### **Parish Donations**

Collection Last Week: £547.05

Gift Aid: £80.50

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 and Gillian Mellor. 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.

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

**Mass Times and Intentions**

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)</b>		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Chrissie Houlihan & Family Int.	
9.00 a.m.	Andrew Bishara Birthday Int.	
11.00 a.m.	Parishioners	
5.30 p.m.	John & Ciariaco Gonsalves & Effie Dias Int.	
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>		<b><i>Sts. Peter Baptist, paul Miki and Comps.</i></b>
7.30 a.m.	1) John & Natasha Joyce Int. 2) Friars & Benefactors	
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>		<b><i>St. Colette of Corbie</i></b>
7.30 a.m.	Sylvia Collins & family Int.	
10.00 a.m.	Lucia Cistone R.I.P.	<b>Funeral Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>		
7.30 a.m.	1) Ella Gaughan Int. 2) Vocations	
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b>		
7.30 a.m.	1) Sharon & Michael Cawley Int. 2) St. Anthony's Guild	
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></b>		<b><i>St. Scholastica</i></b>
7.30 a.m.	1) John & Dee Heyman R.I.P. 2) C.M.A.	
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup></b>		<b><i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i></b>
8.00 a.m.	1) Michael Christopher Connors R.I.P. 2) Friars & Benefactors	
6.30 p.m. (Vigil)	Jerry McDonagh Int.	