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### **Fifth Sunday of Lent – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Ezekiel 37: 12-14

Psalm – With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – St Paul to the Romans 8:8-11

Gospel – John 11:1-45

**A Reconciliation Service** – will be held in our Church on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm, in preparation for Easter. All are welcome.

**Cleaning the Church for Easter:** We are looking for volunteers to ‘spring clean’ the Church on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2pm. Thank you in advance in helping with this.

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

**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.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:johnkirwan1a@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:edward854@edward854.plus.com). The Parish is very grateful for your offerings.

**Parish donations** - Before exploring which option suits you best, if you are a tax payer, please consider becoming a member of our GIFT AID scheme. You will not incur any extra costs for this, but it will increase your contribution to the parish by 25%. Gift Aid forms are available on our website, under Donations, or are available in the Church porch.

Alternatively, if you would like to make a donation to our parish, please use the following options:

1) You can make an online payment to our parish account: Capuchin Oxford Parish Account (it may show Capuchin Central), Account Number: 50154109, Sort Code: 60-70-03

2) If you are a member of our GIFT AID scheme, please make your payment to the following account: Greyfriars Covenant Account (may show Capuchin Central), Account Number: 66611849, Sort Code: 60-16-06

3) If you wish to write a cheque, please make it payable to Capuchin Oxford Parish. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the parish

**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/>.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Italy** – There are 3 places left! 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 11<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 John & Sam.

### **Parish Donations**

Collection Last Week: £480.68

Gift Aid: £42

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**

<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023 Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A)</b>		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Sabrena Collins R.I.P.	
9.00 a.m.	Parishioners	
11.00 a.m.	The Keown Family Int.	
5.30 p.m.	Maliana family members R.I.P.	
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup></b>		
7.30 a.m.	1) Kieron Hughes 2) Pious Union	
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>		
7.30 a.m.	1) Patrick & Martin Reilly R.I.P. 2) Stephanie & Vasco Int.	
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>		
7.30 a.m.	1) Friars & Benefactors 2) Darlene's Int.	
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup></b>		
7.30 a.m.	Br. Pradeep's Int.	
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup></b>		
7.30 a.m.	Joe Joyce & family	
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Apr.</b>		
8.00 a.m.	Friars & Benefactors	
6.30 p.m. (Vigil)	Armando Martins R.I.P.	

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