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**Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)**  
**5<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel – John 15:9-17

**Lectio Divina Prayer Group** – Next meeting will take place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm at Greyfriars Library. Gospel reading John 17:11-19. 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](mailto:iffleycross@gmail.com).

**The Ascension of the Lord** is Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May. As this is a holy day of obligation there will be the usual Mass at 7.30am as well as a Mass at 7.00pm in the evening.

**Second Collection** – next weekend there will be a diocesan second collection for Catholic Communications. Thank you for your generosity.

**Funeral for Bernadette Smith R.I.P.** – will be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> Fr. Paul Whieldon (4.30pm St. Joseph's, Carterton)

Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup> Fr. Nicholas Crowe OP (Blackfriars)

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

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

**Volunteers needed** – we are looking for people to help with various roles within the church: readers; greeters; cleaners and flower arrangers. If you are interested in any of these, please speak with one of the friars after Mass or email the parish: [ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk). Thanking you in advance.

**Refreshments** will be served in the church hall after 9am and 11am Mass this Sunday. It's a great opportunity to meet other parishioners, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a sweet treat. All are welcome.

**Oxford Artweeks** – a group of local artists will be exhibiting their work in our church hall over the weekends of 11/12 and 18/19 May. Please do pop in to have a look. *Please note that we won't be serving refreshments after 11am Mass on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May.*

**The Divine Mercy Apostolate**, London is holding a Divine Mercy Reflection on Saturday 25 May 2024 from 1 pm to 4:30 pm at *St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 115 Headley Way, Headington, Oxford, OX3 7SS*. The Reflection will include the Holy Rosary, teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

**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](https://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.

**Date for Diary:** Our Parish Social will be on Saturday 6th July, where we will bring and share dishes and bid a fond farewell to Br. Martin M. Further details nearer the time.

### **Parish Donations**

First Collection: £355.27

Gift Aid: £53

St. Anthony's Bread: £41.34

Candles: £29.68

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](mailto: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.

### **Prayer for the Diocesan Vision**

Spirit of God, descend on me this day. Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me, the Spirit of hope to inspire me, the Spirit of love to surround me and the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path. Holy Spirit, I pray for a new outpouring of your grace, so that I may grow in worship of your name in love of you in my prayer and in my actions towards others. Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me. Strengthen and defend me, so that I may be drawn ever closer to you. Help me this day and always to be a channel of grace in all I say and do and invite others into relationship with you. Amen

*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](mailto:sg.ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.*

## The Mass Times

<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (Year B)</b>		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Susana Lee R.I.P.	
9.00 a.m.	Celina Predilecta de Cristo Rei Amaral R.I.P.	
11.00 a.m.	Parishioners	
5.30 p.m.	Friars and Benefactors	
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>		
7.30 a.m.	Maria Pereira, family and thanksgiving	
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>		
7.30 a.m.	1) Holy Spirit's intercession for the success of the Capuchin Delegation Chapter 2) Darlene Letey	
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>		
7.30 a.m.	1) Michael, Margaret and family 2) Silvino Baptista and family	
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b>		<i><b>The Ascension of the Lord</b></i>
7.30 a.m.	Friars and Benefactors	
7.00 p.m.	Sam Keown and family	
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></b>		
7.30 a.m.	1) St. Anthony's Guild 2) Kieron Hughes	
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup></b>		
8.00 a.m.	Br. Lucjan's Int.	
6.30 p.m.	Celestino de Conceicao R.I.P.	

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