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Seventh Sunday of Easter – 21th May 2023

1st Reading – Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14

Psalm – I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

2nd Reading – St Peter 4:13-16

Gospel – John 17:1-11

'Eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent' (John 17:3). As we gather in this time of prayer awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit into our hearts once again, the Lord is teaching us what eternal life is. To come to know God means to come to know His teaching, to know what His intentions are. Growing in knowledge of God is transformative, as it is not simply knowing things about God, it is instead learning to see as God sees, and ultimately it is about making God incarnate by our love, words, deeds, thoughts. All of this leads us to greater compassion for others and not judgment, to forgiveness and mercy rather than blame and resentment. Knowing God helps us understand our weakness and fragility which transport us to a place of acceptance leading to greater peace. We are called to contemplate our Beloved, as St. Clare encourages us, to gaze upon Him. It is that constant seeking of the face of God that will allow us to simply enjoy being in God's presence and trust Him especially at those times that we cannot make sense of our experiences. We do not need to have all the answers to our problems and sufferings in this life, as long as we believe that God knows what He is doing and that He allows all things to always work for our good.

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has designated Sunday 21st May as World Communications Day, so there will be a Second Collection this weekend for Catholic Communications. Thank you for your generosity!

Note for Diary: please note that there will be no Online School of Word and Saturday Retreat during the month of June.

Please note that there will be no confessions next Saturday morning 27th May due to a meeting of the brothers.

CAFOD - Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that “Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace.” For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns.

Save the date! Saturday 24th June 2023 will be a Greyfriars Parish Family Event from 1pm until 4pm. There will be a bring and share lunch. (Look out for lists to sign up for what you will bring nearer the date.)

How can you participate and share your gifts with the parish community?

- Would you be able to organise face painting for the children?
- Would you be able to organise an activity - craft activity, indoor game, outdoor game, quiz?
- Would you be able to organise music, either playing or setting up a playlist to be played at the event?

If you are willing to support, please contact Claudia Azevedo or Helen Hurrell after 9am mass or via the parish office email. Please put ' Parish Family Event' in the subject line.

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.

Refreshments are available in the Church Hall after the 11am Mass. All our welcome, so please do pop in for tea, coffee, biscuits and cake!

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 and Sam.

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

Parish Donations

Collection Last Week: £561.97

Gift Aid: £77

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 and Ewan Williams. 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

Sunday 21st May 2023 Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year A)		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Chrissie Houlian and family Int.	
9.00 a.m.	Parishioners	
11.00 a.m.	Kieron Hughes Int.	
5.30 p.m.	Horacio Da Costa and family Int.	
Monday 22nd		<i>Blessed John Forest</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Bridget Mongan Int. 2) C.M.A.	
Tuesday 23rd		
7.30 a.m.	1) Br. Pradeep's Int. 2) Tess Molloy	
Wednesday 24th		<i>Dedication of the Basilica of St. Francis, Feast</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Thanksgiving 2) Friars and Benefactors	
Thursday 25th		<i>St. Bede the Venerable</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Sabrena Collins R.I.P. 2) Chris Simmons Int.	
Friday 26th		<i>St. Philip Neri</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Bridget Price Int. 2) Pious Union	
Saturday 27th		<i>St. Augustine of Canterbury, Feast</i>
8 a.m.	Christy and Mary Collins Int.	
6.30 p.m. (Vigil)	Kathy and Mikey's Int.	

Sacrament of Penance (Confession): Saturdays 11am-12noon, 5.30pm-6.15pm and by appointment. Please note there will be **NO CONFESSIONS** on **Saturday morning 27th May** due to a meeting of the brothers.