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Second Sunday of Advent – 4th December 2022

1st Reading – Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm – In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

2nd Reading – Romans 15:4-9

Gospel – Matthew 3:1-12



A big thank you to our children from Greyfriars Catholic School Yr.7-9, who have produced amazing art for our Gallery on the Streets which you can see from Iffley Road. It is a great help for everyone to think about our Advent journey and prepare for Christmas.

Greyfriars School Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 10 December 22 from 11-2pm.

To help make this event really special for our children and the community we would really appreciate your support. We already have Santa and the Elf! There is still a lot of work to do, if you would like to help or donate items for stalls please contact Sophie Upellini on: s.upellini@gfcs.uk

First Holy Communion – please note that you have only a few weeks to register your child/children for First Holy Communion. Please fill in the form which you can find on the website or speak to Br. Martin. There will be a meeting with

parents on Saturday 10th December at 9am in the parish hall. The course itself will begin 7th January. The course is for children who attend year 3 to 6 of primary school.

Rosary Wednesday mornings – Every Wednesday morning during our time of adoration after Mass we pray the rosary for new vocations to religious life and the priesthood, as well as the intentions of the parish priest and the brothers who serve this community.

Rosary Group Friday evenings – The brothers will continue to pray the rosary every Friday evening during Advent at 7pm. You are welcome to join us.

Confirmation – please remember to register your child/children as the course will begin in January. It is for children who attend year 6 primary school onwards. Please fill in the form which you can find on the website under the sacraments heading on the home page or speak to Br. Martin.

Online School of the Word, every 2nd Tuesday of the month, from 7-8.30pm (meeting ID: 89815074699. Passcode: 868129). Tuesday 13th December. Time of prayer with the Word of God, using the Lectio Divina method. For more information please contact Claudia Azevedo, claudia4azevedo@gmail.com

Advent Reflection – As part of our preparations for Christmas, on Friday 16th December at 7pm in the church, we will hold a time of communal reflection and prayer. This is an ideal moment to stop in the midst of all business and reflect on our lives and what we hope to receive from the Lord.

Monthly Morning Retreat “I put my hope in your Word” (Psl. 119, 114), every 3rd Saturday of the month, from 9.15-11am, at St Edmund and St Frideswide Church. Saturday 17th December. 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

Refreshments after Mass – please join us in the Church Hall for tea, coffee and a chance to meet other parishioners, after 9am and 11am masses. All welcome.

Greyfriars Carol Service – date for diary – the carol service will be held on Sunday 18th December at 3pm, followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Church Hall.

Homes for Ukraine Matching Service – Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, have launched a service to bring together Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. Once the match is confirmed the Ukrainian guest can apply for their visa. We know that coping with the cost-of-living crisis will be the main concern for many people for this winter, but if you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

Intercessory Prayer Group 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.

Parish cleaners - Thank you to those who work tirelessly in keeping our church and sacristy clean and sparkling. This week is the turn of the John & Sam.

Parish Donations

Collection Last Week: £466.13

Gift Aid: £95.50

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish, and also to those of you who also contribute on-line.

Second Collection this weekend is for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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 and Leigh 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.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 4th December 2022 Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)

6.30 p.m. (Sat) Ints. of Padre Pio Prayer Group

9.00 a.m. Parishioners

11.00 a.m. Vivian Brewer R.I.P.

5.30 p.m. Vernao Verdial R.I.P.

Monday 5th

Feast of St Birinus, Bishop

7.30 a.m. Barbara R.I.P. (Bro. Lucjan's
Int.)

Tuesday 6th

St. Nicholas

7.30 a.m. Celestino Amaral

Wednesday 7th

St Ambrose

7.30 a.m. Luzia Soares R.I.P.

Thursday 8th

***Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin
Mary***

7.30 a.m. Antonio & Rosa De Simone

Friday 9th

7.30 a.m. Int. Agony in the Garden Prayer
Group

Saturday 10th

8.00 a.m. Friars and Benefactors

6.30 p.m. (Vigil) Kieran Hughes

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