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Third Sunday of Advent – 11th December 2022

1st Reading – Isaiah 35:1-6,10

Psalm – Come, Lord, and save us.

2nd Reading – James 5:7-10

Gospel – Matthew 11:2-11



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.

Children's Nativity Christmas Eve 6.30pm – If you would like your child to take part in a simple recreation of the Nativity story during the Mass on Christmas Eve, please come along to the rehearsal on Saturday 17th at 11am in the church. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church so that we would know if we can do something at this last stage. Thank you.

Advent Charity Collections – this year we are supporting two charities:

Lifeshouse Christmas Collection – a local charity for mothers and babies/children under 5 years. The charity is currently looking after 9 mothers in the Oxford area,

3 are expecting in the next 2 months. We are looking for the following donations: tasty things to eat, pampering gifts for mothers, toys, books for babies and young children. Alternatively, please follow the link, where we have provided a list of possible donations:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2RGE32QJMLHIP?ref=wl_share

Please place donations in the box provided in Our Lady's Chapel at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

The Gatehouse, Oxford is a charity which supports the homeless people of Oxford. They are in need of the following: men's boxer shorts – all sizes, belts large ones for big people, new hairbrushes, deodorants, tissues – small packs, socks, shampoo and shower gels, gloves, fleece (no 'magic' gloves), blankets (not cotton), sleeping bags new and used. Please place donations in the box provided in Our Lady's Chapel at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Franciscan Prayer – please join the friars for a time of pray with St Francis and St Clare on the 2nd Wednesday of each month – this Wednesday 14th December, 5.30- 6.15pm. Please come to the friary door as prayers are held in the friary chapel.

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.

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

Greyfriars Carol Service by candlelight – will be held on Sunday 18th December at 3pm, followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Church Hall. All welcome.

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.

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.

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 Angelika and Olivia.

Parish Donations

Collection Last Week: £482.67

Gift Aid: £55

Second Collection Poor Parishes Fund: £211.55

Gift Aid: £3

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish, and 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 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 11th December 2022 Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)

6.30 p.m. (Sat) Kieran Hughes

9.00 a.m. Br. Stephen Innes R.I.P.

11.00 a.m. Hilda Nagyova R.I.P.

5.30 p.m. Parishioners

Monday 12th

7.30 a.m. Nellie Quirke

Tuesday 13th Ranford & Nell R.I.P.

St. Lucy

7.30 a.m.

Wednesday 14th

St John of the Cross

7.30 a.m. Patrick and Martin Reilly R.I.P.

Thursday 15th

7.30 a.m. John & Malcolm Fallows

Friday 16th

7.30 a.m. John Brookes

Saturday 17th

8.00 a.m. Nora Reilly Int.

6.30 p.m. (Vigil) Parishioners

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