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Fourth Sunday of Advent – 18th December 2022

1st Reading – Isaiah 7: 10-14

Psalm – Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

2nd Reading – St Paul to the Romans 1:1-7

Gospel – Matthew 1:18-24



Greyfriars Carol Service by candlelight – please join us this Sunday afternoon, 18th December at 3pm, followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Church Hall. All welcome.

Christmas Eve Children's Nativity – Shepherds and Angels urgently required for the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday evening. There will be a rehearsal on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm in the church and again on Saturday evening at 5.30pm before the Nativity Mass.

Sacrament of Penance – please note there will be no evening confessions next Saturday (24th December).

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

Lifehouse 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 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 – There will be a meeting for parents on Saturday 7th January at 10am in the church.

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 travelling community.

Parish Donations

Collection Last Week: £528.10

Gift Aid: £65

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.

Christmastime Mass Services

Mass Times & Services 24th Dec - 1st Jan

18th December Carol Service - 3pm

24th December - 8.00am

24th December Christmas Eve. - 6.30pm

Carols 11.30pm, Midnight Mass

25th December Christmas Day - 9am, 11am (NO 5.30PM MASS)

26th December St. Stephen - 9am

27th December St. John the Evangelist - 9am

28th December The Holy Innocents - 9am

29th December St. Thomas Becket - 9am

30th December The Holy Family - 9am

31st December - 8.00am, 6.30pm, 11pm (NO CONFESSIONS THIS SATURDAY)

1st January Mary, Mother of God - 9am, 11am, 5.30pm

Normal Mass times resume.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 18^h December 2022 Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A)

6.30 p.m. (Sat) Parishioners
9.00 a.m. Frank and Connie Marshall
R.I.P.
11.00 a.m. Richard Pinniger R.I.P.
5.30 p.m. Martin Joseph Casey Int.

Monday 19th

Dedication of the Church

7.30 a.m. Kathleen & McDonagh Family

Tuesday 20th

Martin McDonagh R.I.P.

7.30 a.m.

Wednesday 21st

7.30 a.m. John & Steffie Int.

Thursday 22nd

7.30 a.m. Patrick Anthony McDonagh Int.

Friday 23rd

7.30 a.m. Patrick & Tina McDonagh Int.

Saturday 24th

8.00 a.m. Jerry & Annie McDonagh Int.

6.30 p.m. (Vigil) Christy & Winnie Joyce R.I.P.
and their Intentions.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturdays 11am-12noon only.