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**The Friars wish you all a blessed and peaceful Christmastime!**

The season of Advent is almost over as on Sunday evening we celebrate the Vigil Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord at 5.30pm. Thank you in advance to so many of you who contribute in different ways to make sure that our celebrations are as special as we can make them for the whole community. Thank you to our choir members and our organists for the gift of music and their voices, thank you to all the ladies preparing the flowers, thank you to all the readers, greeters, cleaners, and to all our altar servers. We pray that you and your loved ones will be blessed by the peaceful presence of the Holy Child of Bethlehem. Happy Christmas from all the friars.

**Christmas Collection** goes to the friars, and we thank you for your generosity towards us.

**PLENARY INDULGENCE IN FRANCISCAN CHURCHES:** From the 8th December till 2nd February, the faithful who visit a Franciscan church in order to stop and pray in front of the nativity scene can receive a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions (be in a state of grace, pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, receive the Lord in the Eucharist). This gift and privilege granted to all our

Franciscan churches throughout the world by our Holy Father is to mark the occasion of the 800th anniversary of Christmas in Greccio, where St. Francis of Assisi wanted to commemorate the birth of the Lord starting with a nativity scene leading to the Eucharistic celebration, where Jesus Christ makes himself present in the bread and wine.

**Crib Collection this year is for the Friends of the Holy Land** – to recognise the urgent needs of Christians in the land of our ‘Mother Church’. Thank you for your generosity.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service** will be held at 2pm on Sunday 21st January at the Christadelphian Church, and Rev Canon Dr Geoff Bayliss will be preaching. It will be preceded by a bring and share lunch at 1pm. If anyone would like to read at the service please contact them directly and see more details are on the attached poster in the Church porch.

**CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal** - Donate to CAFOD’s Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.”

**Tea and Coffee** – After 11am Mass every week. After 9am Mass on 1st Sunday of each month – next Sunday will be 7th January.

### **Parish Donations**

Collection Last Week: £319.12 Gift Aid: £58

Poor Parishes: Gift Aid: £5 St. Anthony’s Bread: £12.77

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.

**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. 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.

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

*The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Geraldine Coggins, Michael Curran, Anne Harpin. They 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.*

<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year B)</b>		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	JohnJoe Gaffey and family	
9.00 a.m.	Leanie Mya Win Yee R.I.P.	
11.00 a.m.	Christy and Winnie Joyce R.I.P.	
5.30p.m.	Parishioners	<b><i>Christmas Eve Vigil Mass</i></b>
Midnight Mass Carols at 11.30	Parishioners	<b><i>The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ</i></b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>		<b><i>The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ</i></b>
9.00 a.m.	James Begley R.I.P.	
11.00 a.m.	Sabrena Collins, Christy & Winnie Joyce R.I.P.	
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>		<b><i>St. Stephen</i></b>
9.00 a.m.	The Inseal Family R.I.P.	
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>		<b><i>St. John</i></b>
9.00 a.m.	1) Maria da Costa Savio Fernandes R.I.P. 2) Pious Union	
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>		<b><i>The Holy Innocents</i></b>
9.00 a.m.	1) Constancio da Costa dos Santos R.I.P., Jorge Garcia Valente R.I.P 2) Kieron Hughes	

<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b>		<b><i>St. Thomas Becket</i></b>
9.00 a.m.	1) Jorge Garcia Valente R.I.P. 2) Friars and Benefactors	
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b>		
8.00 a.m.	Joedy Joyce and family	
6.30 p.m. (Vigil)	Parishioners	
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></b>		<b><i>The Holy Family</i></b>
9.00 a.m.	Jude Ohn Le R.I.P.	
11.00 a.m.	Victoria & Jimboy Gaffey & family	
5.30 p.m.	Sylvia Collins & family	
11.00 p.m.	In thanksgiving	
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup></b>		<b><i>Mary, Mother of God</i></b>
9.00 a.m.	Parishioners	
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>		<b><i>Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen</i></b>
7.30 a.m.	Shirley & Joe Joyce	
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>		<b><i>The Holy Name of Jesus</i></b>
7.30 a.m.	1) Friars & Benefactors 2) Anthony Fernandes R.I.P.	
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b>		
7.30 a.m.	Vocations	
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b>		<b><i>1<sup>st</sup> Friday</i></b>
7.30 a.m.	Br. Lucjan's Intentions	
7.00 p.m.	In honour of the Sacred Heart	
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>		
8.00 a.m.	Kieran Hughes	
6.30 p.m.	Christie & Pat Joyce & family	