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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year A) **26th November 2023**

1st Reading – Ezekiel 34:11-12;15-17

Psalm – The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading – Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Gospel – Matthew 25:31-46

Second collection for World Youth Sunday is this weekend, Sunday 26th November, Feast of Christ the King, a day on which Pope Francis invites the global Church to celebrate and pray for young people.

Greyfriars Catholic School Christmas Fayre – 2nd December 10am-2pm Free entry, all invited to support our local Catholic school. Music, shopping, food, celebration, raffle. Put the date in your diary and make sure to turn up!

Advent Walk with me booklets are now available in the Church porch. The theme this year comes from the prayers of Mary, Zechariah, Simeon and Anna and the example of St John the Baptist. Booklets cost £1 each. Thank you.

First Friday Devotions in honour of the Sacred Heart of Our Lord will be held this Friday, 1st December at 7pm in the church. There will be a possibility to receive the sacrament of the anointing of the sick after the Mass.

Pro-life drinks. 7.30- 9pm, Thursday 30th Nov. “Up in Arms”, Marston, OX3 OEN. *Whether you're new and would like to find out more or a seasoned pro-lifer, come along to relax with like-minded people and keep connected with the pro-life community in Oxford. All welcome!* Just turn up, and you can get in touch with Ed via <https://tinyurl.com/ox-pro-life>. And why not bring a friend?

'The Joy of Hope' Café is an engaging and informal discussion series exploring the virtue of hope and what it means for us today. Each of the four sessions will start with refreshments beforehand and then run for about an hour. All welcome and no need to book – just come along. The venue is **Corpus Christi Parish Hall, Margaret Road, Headington, OX3 8AJ** (parking is available close by in Margaret Rd and Wharton Rd). The last session is on Thursday November 30th: *'The River of Life'*. Refreshments at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

Oxford Pro-Life Rosary Witness: On Saturday 2nd December (On Our Lady's first Saturday of the Month) all pro-lifers are warmly invited to recite the Rosary for the end of abortion and in defence of life. We will be meeting outside the Clarendon building at 48 Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3AZ at 12 pm. Now more than ever Catholics must stand up in defence of life for all the innocent unborn. Please join us in the mission of witnessing to the Gospel of life for the conversion of hearts and minds.

Nativity Mass on Christmas Eve at 5.30pm – If your child/children would like to take part in this Mass, please put your name and contact number or email on the sign-up sheet in the Church porch. Sarah, the organiser will be in touch with a date for a rehearsal. We will need a Joseph, Mary and Angel Gabriel plus lots of shepherds and angels!

First Holy Communion – There will be a meeting with parents of children preparing for their 1st Holy Communion Saturday 9th December at 9.30am. The course itself will begin in January. The course is for children who attend year 3, 4, 5, or 6 of primary school. Please fill in the form which you can find on the website on the Sacraments page, or speak to Br. Martin after Mass.

Confirmation – There will be a meeting with parents of children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 9th December at 10.30am. The course will begin in January. It is for children who attend year 6 of primary school or are in secondary school. Please fill in the form which you can find on the website on the Sacraments page, or speak to Br. Martin after Mass.

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at 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 9am Mass on 1st Sunday of each month – Sunday 3rd December. After 11am Mass every week.

Flower Arrangers needed for the Church – we are looking for volunteers to help with the flower arrangements in the Church from Christmas onwards. If interested, please email the Church: ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk. Thank you.

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.

Cleaning team: If you would like to join the team who keep the Church and Sacristy clean and tidy please email the parish email: ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk.

Parish Donations

Collection Last Week: £407.38 Gift Aid: £87

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 or alternatively

the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Mass Times

Sunday 26th November 2023 Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year A)		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Sabrina Collins R.I.P.	
9.00 a.m.	Parishioners	
11.00 a.m.	Mary Jo Davey R.I.P.	
5.30 p.m.	Sheila Cumming	
Monday 27th		<i>St. Francis Anthony Fassani</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Kieron Hughes 2) November Dead Lists	
Tuesday 28th		<i>St. James of the Marches</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Br. Martin M. 2) November Dead Lists	
Wednesday 29th		<i>All the Saints of the Seraphic Order</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Archie Keown 2) November Dead Lists	
Thursday 30th		<i>St. Andrew</i>
7.30 a.m.	1) Nin Joycer and family 2) November Dead Lists	
Friday 1st Dec		<i>St. Edmund Campion</i>
7.30 a.m.	Ann & Jimmy Joyce	
7.00 p.m.	In Honour of the Sacred Heart	
Saturday 2nd		
8.00 a.m.	1) Kieron Hughes 2) In honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	
6.30 p.m. (Vigil)	Parishioners	