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Divine Mercy Sunday – 16th April 2023

1st Reading – Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47 Psalm – Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. 2nd Reading – St Peter 1:3-9 Gospel – John 20:19-31

Divine Mercy Sunday – This Sunday 16th April is the Divine Mercy Sunday. We will start our devotions at 2.30pm. Join us in gratitude for God's mercy that afternoon as we entrust ourselves and the whole world to the Lord's merciful Heart. We will honour and bless the image of the Divine Mercy, pray the Chaplet, spend moments in adoration of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and there will be a chance to avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Lord said to Saint Faustina: 'Today I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart. No soul that has called upon My mercy has been disappointed or brought to shame. I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbour: the first – by deed, the second – by word, the third – by prayer. In these three is contained the fulness of mercy.'

Save the date! <u>Saturday 24th June 2023</u> will be a Greyfriars Parish Family Event from 1pm until 4pm. There will be a bring and share lunch. (Look out for lists to sign up for what you will bring nearer the date.)

How can you participate and share your gifts with the parish community?

- Would you be able to organise face painting for the children?

- Would you be able to organise an activity - craft activity, indoor game, outdoor game, quiz?

- Would you be able to organise music, either playing or setting up a playlist to be played at the event?

- Anything else?

If you are willing to support any of the above or have suggestions of your own please contact Claudia Azevedo or Helen Hurrell after 9am mass or via the parish office email. Please put ' Parish Family Event' in the subject line.

Refreshments in the hall – Please note refreshments are served after <u>11am Mass</u> <u>only</u>. Tea, coffee, cake and biscuits. Come along and get to know your fellow parishioners.

Intercessory Prayer Group If you would like us to pray for somebody or for anything else, please email <u>GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com</u> or phone 07384 116920. All requests will be treated in strictest confidence.

Parish cleaners – If you would like to help clean the Church, please let Br. Martin know. Thank you to those who keep our church and sacristy clean and tidy. This week is the turn of Michael.

Parish donations - Before exploring which option suits you best, if you are a tax payer, please consider becoming a member of our GIFT AID scheme. You will not incur any extra costs for this, but it will increase your contribution to the parish by 25%. Gift Aid forms are available on our website, under Donations, or are available in the Church porch.

Alternatively, if you would like to make a donation to our parish, please use the following options:

1) You can make an online payment to our parish account: Capuchin Oxford Parish Account (it may show Capuchin Central), Account Number: 50154109, Sort Code: 60-70-03 2) If you are a member of our GIFT AID scheme, please make your payment to the following account: Greyfriars Covenant Account (may show Capuchin Central), Account Number: 66611849, Sort Code: 60-16-06

3) If you wish to write a cheque, please make it payable to Capuchin Oxford Parish. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the parish

Parish Donations

Easter offering for the friars: £1323.16 Holy Places: £547.52

Gift Aid: £21

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

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially <u>Therese O'Malley, Linda Parrott, Aline Beaupiere, Margaret Corcoran, Oonagh</u> <u>Clarkson, Albert Paintin, Bernadette O'Reilly, Gillian Mellor, Br. Michael Hargan.</u> 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.

'Being a Welcoming Church' - At **Father Hudson's** we know that so much already happens in parish communities, doing what they can to welcome the refugee, help the homeless, support those living with dementia, and valuing the contribution to parish liturgical and community life of those who experience disability.

We want to encourage the social mission of the Church by sharing our own experience in these areas of need, and the experience of parishioners from around the Diocese, to foster the great work in parishes.

You can join in one of our three remaining online, Zoom, evening meetings, starting on Monday 17th April, from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Our next session is on 'supporting refugees'; there is no charge, simply email <u>kevinhateley@fatherhudsons.org.uk</u> to register and a link will be sent or use this QR code.



Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 16 th April 2023 Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday Year A)		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Jerry Curran R.I.P.	
9.00 a.m.	Arthur Collins & family Int.	
11.00 a.m.	Ellen & family Int.	
5.30 p.m.	Parishioners	
Monday 17 th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Jimmy & Ann Joyce Int. 2) Anthony Joyce R.I.P.	
Tuesday 18 th		
7.30 a.m.	 Br. Antonio's Int. Kieron Hughes 	
Wednesday 19 th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Christy Joyce R.I.P.	
	2) Catherine R.I.P.	
Thursday 20 th		
7.30 a.m.	1) St Anthony's Guild	
	2) Kieron Hughes	
Friday 21 st		St. Conrad of Parzham
7.30 a.m.	1) Jose Garcia Valente R.I.P.	-
	2) Friars & Benefactors	
Saturday 22 nd		
8 a.m.	Mary Lawrence Int.	
6.30 p.m. (Vigil)	Bridget Price Int.	

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