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**Easter Sunday**  
**31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34,37-43

Responsorial Psalm: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Second Reading: St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel – John 20:1-9

**Alleluia! The Lord is Risen! Happy Easter!**

May the Risen Lord bless you and your families with the gift of a renewed life of grace. Thank you to everyone who has helped us prepare to celebrate the liturgy over this last week: cleaners, choir members, readers, altar servers, flower arrangers, and any other volunteers who have given their time to our community. Thank you to everyone for your generosity to the friars this weekend. The Easter collection goes towards the support of the friars.

**Friary Update** – Every 3 years friars gather for a Chapter during which new leadership team is elected and soon afterwards friars often get moved to new ministries and friaries. Our Chapter is coming up in June, and we ask that you join us in prayer for that special occasion asking the Holy Spirit to guide us. The one position that will definitely be changing is that of your parish priest. I have been asked to help the Institute of St. Anselm in their mission of human psycho-spiritual development of priests and religious. Our General Minister has granted his permission and assigned me to our Capuchin friary in Frascati, Italy for the next 3 years. I will be saying my goodbyes to you all by mid-July and I thank you for your prayerful support during this time of transition.

**Mary Sugden R.I.P.** – We pray for the repose of the soul of Mary who has died this Easter weekend. She has been a long-standing member of this parish and until very recently still helped us with counting our collection money every week. May she rest in peace and experience the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

**First Friday Devotions** in honour of the Sacred Heart of Our Lord will be held this Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in the church. There will be a possibility to receive the sacrament of the anointing of the sick after the Mass.

**Divine Mercy Sunday** – We will have our Divine Mercy devotions next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April beginning at 2.30pm. Please note we will not be having another Mass during that time, but we will spend time with the Lord celebrating the gift of His mercy until 4.30pm when we will finish with Benediction.

**Cake Sale** – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April, after 9am and 11am Masses. All donations of homemade or shop bought cakes gratefully received. All monies to go towards refurbishment of the church hall. Many thanks, Helen and Claudia.

**Lectio Divina Prayer Group** – continues on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 5.30pm at Greyfriars Library. Gospel reading Luke 24:35-48. Br Martin Sanderson will continue to lead future sessions as and when his ministry permits. In Br Martin's absence, Helen and Yvette will administer to the Group. For more information, email: [iffleycross@gmail.com](mailto:iffleycross@gmail.com).

### **Oxford North Deanery Year of Prayer 2024 - monthly Deanery talks:**

All sessions (except May) from 7.00pm – 8.00pm in the various Parishes/ locations indicated:

Tuesday April 16th Br. Martin Mikuskiewicz OFM (Cap) (Greyfriars, Iffley Road);  
Sunday May 12th Fr. John Seward (3.00pm SS. Gregory and Augustine, Woodstock Road).

### **Parish Donations**

Collections Last week: £503.42

Gift Aid: £59.00

St Anthony's Bread: £20.92

Candles: £33.84

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish, also to those of you who contribute online and via the contactless payment machine.

**Gift Aid donors** who give using weekly envelopes please collect next year's supply from the Sacristy. If you have been left out or would like to use Gift Aid, please contact Thelma Martin [edward854@edward854.plus.com](mailto:edward854@edward854.plus.com).

**Gift Aid 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

**Church hall is available for hire.** If interested please email the parish email: [ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk) and mark hall hire in the subject.

**Intercessory Prayers** - If you would like us to pray for somebody or for anything else, please email [GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com](mailto:GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com) or phone 07384 116920. All requests will be treated in strictest confidence.

**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, John Roche and Bernadette O'Reilly. 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.

*The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Anne Harpin. She 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.*

## The Mass Times

Easter Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024 (Year B)		
9.00 p.m. (Sat)	Jairo, Inma & Grueso-Vegas family int.	<b><i>Easter Vigil</i></b>
9.00 a.m.	Parishioners	
11.00 a.m.	Helen, Joe & children for peace and healing	
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Apr</b>		
9.00 a.m.	Vocations	
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>		
9.00 a.m.	1) Geraldine, Jimmy & O'Leary family 2) Darlene Letey	
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>		
9.00 a.m.	Kieron Hughes	
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b>		
9.00 a.m.	Edward James Martin R.I.P. (Anniv.)	
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b>		
9.00 a.m.	Friars and Benefactors	
7.00 p.m.	In Honor of the Sacred Heart	
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>		
8.00 a.m.	Br. Ade's Int.	
6.30 p.m.	Graciano Alves R.I.P.	

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