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Fourth Sunday of Easter Year C – 8th May 2022

1st Reading – Acts 13:14,43-52

Psalm – We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

2nd Reading – Revelation 7:9,14-17

Gospel – John 10:27-30

This Sunday is a day of prayer for Vocations. We pray that the Lord would call new shepherds from within our community, maybe some of our children from our families. In the Gospel we are reminded that the Lord speaks and those who are His own listen to His voice. The Lord indeed continues to call but in a world that is full of noise and so many words it may become increasingly challenging to distinguish His Word from others. In praying for vocations, we are praying for everyone to regain their ability to tune in once again to what God may be asking of each of us.

We pray especially for men whom the Lord is calling to the ministerial priesthood to serve communities of the faithful. No one in their right mind would take that task upon themselves without first recognizing that the Lord who calls is also making everything possible. We pray for men and women who are called to the consecrated life and are asked to give their lives in order to live the Gospel and do so together with others in community. We pray for those men and women who are called to the married state, and who are called by their lives of love and unity to bear witness to the love that Christ has for His Church. We pray for those who are called to be parents and share in God's work by bringing new life into the world and raising their children in the faith. We pray for those who through their various professions dedicate their lives to the service of God and others.

Let us remember that all of us have been called by God in order to continue His mission on earth. We all have the responsibility of creating an attentive environment within our hearts and our families where the Lord can speak freely and where we can perceive His words clearly. It is good for each of us to ask the Lord from time to time: Lord, what do you want me to do?

Congratulations – On Saturday 7th May the following children received the Sacrament of Confirmation in our church: **Bernard Corcoran, James Joyce, Timothy Joyce** and **Margarita Maughan**.

At the same time the following children received their 1st Holy Communion: **Francis Corcoran, Helen Corcoran, Michael Cawley, Mary Joyce, John Gaffey, Edward Gaffey, Savannah Gaffey, John Collins, Lisa Collins, John Collins, Thomas Maughan, Michael Joyce, Winifredmarie Joyce, Marisa Stokes, Winifred Corcoran** and **John Corcoran**. We pray for them and for their families on this special occasion.

Bible Study Group - Our next session will be on Thursday 12 May, 7.30-8.30 p.m., in the Friary. We will be looking at Luke 7:1-8:3, and you can find a preparation sheet at <https://www.greyfriarsoxford.uk/biblestudygroup>.

Please read the passage beforehand and, if possible, have a look at the questions on the sheet.

Growing in Communion – Next session will take place this Wednesday at 7.00 p.m. in the friary. If you are interested in prayer, and haven't been to the previous sessions, don't worry – come along and see.

Parish Open Meeting – Next **Saturday 14th May at 3.00 p.m.** there will be an open meeting for all parishioners in the parish hall in order to meet other parishioners, catch up on what we have been doing in the parish, look ahead and share ideas of what we would like to see happen within our community. Don't worry if you cannot be there, we will ensure that an update will appear on the website, in the newsletter, and on the notice boards at the back of the church. Thank you to everyone for supporting the life of the parish by your presence and prayers. Meeting will not last longer than 1hr 30mins!

Coffee mornings – A chance to catch up with your fellow parishioners is there every Sunday morning after our 9.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. Masses. Everyone is welcome.

Volunteers needed – As we are gradually returning back to normal arrangements during our Masses, we will require you to volunteer fulfilling certain roles to ensure our liturgies run smoothly. In order for that to happen, we would need a couple of people to help take the collection during Mass, and others to take turns bringing the gifts to the altar during the offertory. Please make yourself known to the parish priest, or one of the stewards, or email or phone.

Inspire Younger Generations - Do you enjoy working with children and young people? If so, you are invited to be part of CAFOD's education programme which inspires students to act on their sense of justice. A background in education is not necessary. We are looking for people with good interpersonal skills, an interest in CAFOD's work and who can connect well with young people. You will be asked to go into Catholic schools in the locality to deliver prepared assemblies and/or workshops about once a term. All necessary training, travel expenses and resources will be provided and you will have the ongoing friendship and support of a local team. Please get in touch with Deborah to know more about this amazing role: northampton@cafod.org.uk

We look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful team.

Rosary Prayer Group – We continue to say the rosary together in the parish on Fridays at 7.00 p.m. Join us when you can.

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.

Altar Servers – If your child would like to serve at the altar during Mass, or you would like them to do so, please get in touch with the parish priest. All relevant training will be provided.

Parish Hall – If you would like to make a specific donation towards the renovation of the parish hall, please specify that you wish that donation to go for that purpose. You can write a cheque made out to Capuchin Oxford Parish, or donate via bank transfer to the Capuchin Oxford Parish Account (Acc. No. 50154109 Sort Code 60-70-03). Thank you for your support and generosity.

Church cleaning – This week we thank members of the Travelling Community for coming to clean the church. If you would like to lend a helping hand and join the rota to clean the church please get in touch.

Collection Last Week: £408.89

Gift Aid: £ 44

Collection on 24th April: £337.16

Gift Aid: £40

Easter Offering for the friars: £1997.75

Holy Places: £535.27

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

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 8th May 2022 Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

6.30 p.m. (Sat) Martin Dune R.I.P.
9.00 a.m. Parishioners
11.00 a.m. Berta Lurdes Branco R.I.P.
5.30 p.m. Tarcisio Reis Amaral, Francisku
 Reis Amaral, Tomas de Reus
 R.I.P.

Monday 9th

7.30 a.m. Mary Doolan R.I.P.

Tuesday 10th

7.30 a.m. Lucas Tilman

Wednesday 11th

7.30 a.m. Terry McDonna R.I.P.

St. Ignatius of Laconi

Thursday 12th

7.30 a.m. Jonatas Lopes Da Silva

St. Leopold Mandić

Friday 13th

7.30 a.m. Liam O'Brien R.I.P.

Our Lady of Fatima

Saturday 14th

8.00 a.m. Sylvia Collins & Family

6.30 p.m. (Vigil) Minino Pereira R.I.P.

St. Matthias

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

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially **Therese O'Malley, Linda Parrott, Aline Beaupiere, Margaret Corcoran, Oonagh Clarkson**. 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.