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**Palm Sunday (Year B)
24th March 2024**

Gospel – Mark 11:1-10

The Sacred Triduum

As we begin Holy Week we invite you to take an active part in the solemn liturgy of the Church during the Sacred Triduum starting with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm. After that Mass we will keep watch with the Lord until midnight, finishing with Night Prayer of the Church at 11.50pm. On Good Friday we accompany the Lord in His sorrowful journey to Calvary as we venerate the Cross. We then wait in prayerful silence until the Easter Vigil at 9pm on Saturday as we celebrate the Resurrection. Let us give each other time to reflect this Holy Week on the most important mysteries of our faith.

Important dates and times for the diary:

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral – Wednesday 27th March at 11.30am

Mass of the Lord's Supper – Maundy Thursday 28th March at 7.30pm

Good Friday Walk of Witness – Starts at 10.30am from the Methodist church on Cowley Road

Celebration of the Lord's Passion – Good Friday 29th March at 3pm

Easter Vigil Mass – Holy Saturday 30th March at 9pm

Easter Sunday Masses – Sunday 31st March at 9am and 11am. NO EVENING MASS.

Penitential Service – On Monday of Holy Week, 25th March at 7pm, we will be having a penitential service in our parish. It is an opportunity to come together as

a community to reflect more deeply on our faithfulness to God's will in our lives and to seek God's gift of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Lectio Divina Prayer Group – continues on Monday 25th March at 5.30pm at Greyfriars Library. Gospel reading Mark: 16:1-7. 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. Next meeting will be Monday 8th April.

Washing of the Feet – During the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the main celebrant washes the feet of 12 people, imitating the Lord's example of washing the feet of the disciples at the Last Supper. There is a list in the church porch with space for 12 names. If you will be here on Maundy Thursday evening for Mass at 7.30pm and would like to help us in this celebration by having your foot washed, then please put your name down and ensure you come to the church early on that evening and make yourself known 15 minutes before the start of Mass.

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.

Here also are details of Night prayer on Tuesdays in Lent, via Zoom....
Night Prayer via Zoom - Tuesdays in Lent at 9.30pm for 20 minutes. All are welcome to join in the peace of Compline (the Night Prayer of the Church), via Zoom, last session on Tuesday 26th March at 9.30pm. No need to book, just join here via Zoom:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77238078564?pwd=oPnorMNMTO8Kioa4TvKbmK4XkKfKzl.1>.

Cowley Road Walk of Witness – Good Friday (29th March 2024) 10.30am. Walk from Cowley Road Methodist Church to St. Mary and St. John Church, followed by a service in their church at 12 noon. Please see poster in Church Porch.

Good news for Greyfriars School – in case you missed the news recently, here's a link to celebrate the progress of our Catholic Secondary School: <https://www.greyfriarsoxford.org.uk/our-school/latest-news/greyfriars-is-a-good-school-ofsted-2023>.

Caritas, Social Action Network and St John of God Hospitaller Services provides refuge for those fleeing ongoing conflict in Ukraine and safeguarding the well-being of Ukrainians already residing in the UK. If you are interested in hosting

please look at our website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>. Please take a prayer card available in the church porch.

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: £384.35

Gift Aid: £56.50

St Anthony's Bread: £76.11

Candles: £28.55

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

Tea and Coffee – After 11am Mass every week. After 9am Mass on 1st Sunday of each month – the next Sunday will be 7th April, which will be a cake sale as well.

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.

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

The Mass Times

Palm Sunday 24 th March 2024 (Year B)		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Parishioners	
9.00 a.m.	Mary Sugden Int.	
11.00 a.m.	Ana maria Ribeiro & family members R.I.P.	
5.30p.m.	Antonia & Jose de Olivera and family members R.I.P.	
Monday 25th		
7.30 a.m.	Sabrena Collins R.I.P.	
Tuesday 26th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Darlene Letey 2) Pious Union	
Wednesday 27th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Kit Gaffey & family 2) Pray for success of book launch	
Thursday 28th		<i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>
7.30 p.m.	Elizabeth, Charley Lee and family	
Friday 29th		
3.00 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	
Saturday 30th		<i>Easter Vigil</i>
9.00 p.m.	Jairo, Inma & Grueso-Vegas	

Sacrament of Penance (Confession): Saturdays 11am-12noon, 5.30pm-6.15pm and by appointment. Please note there will be no confessions on Holy Saturday.