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Seventh Sunday of Easter Year C – 29th May 2022

1st Reading – Acts 7:55-60

Psalm – The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

2nd Reading – Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20

Gospel – John 17:20-26

As we continue this week our novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for next Sunday's Solemnity of Pentecost, we hear in the Gospel of today Jesus making His intentions clear: unity among His children. The mission of achieving this unity is a life-long task and it always starts with our own hearts. We are often pulled in opposite directions, desiring holiness and yet often choosing to sin. If we do not acknowledge it and keep focus on the direction set out by the Gospel, and make use of the sacraments and other means to be set free from sin, then our inner conflicts spread outwards and we share them with others. Communities can quickly fall apart. Our lives are meant to reflect the unity that exists between the Father and the Son, and that can only become possible if we are united by the Spirit that comes to us from the Father and the Son. Let us reflect this week on the many ways we could become instruments of peace and what we could do differently in order to give peace a greater chance.

Thank you – A big thank you to all our benefactors. Our porch is getting renewed and hopefully most of the work should be completed during the week. We have also received a beautiful set of liturgical vessels for use at Mass and these will be blessed at one of our Sunday Masses next week. Thank you for such a generous gift to our parish community which will be of service for many years to come.

Welcome Sr. Kathleen Murphy – This Sunday we will hear from Sr. Kathleen who is a Sister of Mercy at each Mass. She is going to speak to us about her life as a sister and promote her book 'The Splendour of Caring'. All proceeds from the sale of the book will go to **Mercy Ships, Children's Eye Treatment in Africa** and **The Passage**. Thank you for your generosity.

1st Friday Devotions – This coming Friday at 3.30pm there will be a Mass for the sick with a chance to receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Come and join us in honouring the Sacred Heart of Jesus that day.

Greyfriars choir – The choir which sings at the 11am Sunday Mass each week, is eager to attract new singers, in particular an alto and a bass, but in particular an alto. The choir is a very friendly and supportive group which meets to practise the Sunday music on Wednesday evenings from 8-9pm. in the church sacristy under the director and organist, John Brennan. There is also a short rehearsal at 10.30 each Sunday before the 11am. Mass. A basic ability to sing and read music is required, but although previous experience will obviously be an advantage, a high standard is not required and there will be plenty of opportunity to obtain music to look at in advance. Why not come along one Wednesday and try us out? If you are interested, in the first instance you should contact John Brennan (jb@positifpress.co.uk). We rehearse most Wednesdays, but, especially over the summer, not every week. Please contact John in advance to double check it is on the evening you wish to come.

GIFT AID - Donors who give by envelope are reminded that they should not use envelopes for past years, only those for the financial year 2022-3. Previous year's envelopes can be discarded or recycled as there is no information on them to identify the giver.

Taizé Prayer for Peace – This Sunday 29th May at 3.30pm there will be a Taizé prayer for peace taking place at the Oxford University Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Parish Social – On **Saturday 25th June starting at 12noon** we will be holding our parish social. Please put the date in your diary and pray for good weather. Details of the event will be made known soon.

On Fire! Evangelisation Conference – Young Catholic Adult Network in collaboration with Durham University (Centre for Catholic Studies) will be hosting this conference **9 – 11 September 2022**. You can register for it now, please look at the poster at the back of the church for details.

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.

Rosary Prayer Group – We continue to say the rosary together in the parish on Fridays at 7.00 p.m. Come and pray.

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 Angelika and Olivia 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.

Accommodation - Room in Magdalen Road available for rent from September, living with a parishioner. If you're interested, follow Spareroom link: ['Large Bright Ensuite Room Available' Room to Rent from SpareRoom](#)

Collection Last Week: £450.68

Gift Aid: £90

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 29th May 2022 Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year C)
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6.30 p.m. (Sat) Xavier Maia R.I.P.
 9.00 a.m. Kieran Hughes
 11.00 a.m. Parishioners
 5.30 p.m. Elsa Arango Goncalves, Duarte
 Soares, Fiorentina Soares,
 Domingas Soares R.I.P.

Monday 30th

7.30 a.m. Patrick McDonagh R.I.P. Anniv.

Tuesday 31st

***The Visitation of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary***

7.30 a.m. Victor Mendes R.I.P.

Wednesday 1st

St. Justin

7.30 a.m. Maria Luiza Antao & Lucio
 Coelho R.I.P.

Thursday 2nd

St. Felix of Nicosia

7.30 a.m. Pedro Fernandes & Verediana
 Gracias R.I.P.

Friday 3rd

***Sts. Charles Lwanga and
 Companions***

7.30 a.m. Ruth & Joel Dacunha R.I.P.
 3.30 p.m. For the sick

Saturday 4th

8.00 a.m. Joaquim Dias & Francis Coelho
 R.I.P.

6.30 p.m. (Vigil) Parishioners

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.