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Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C – 22nd May 2022

1st Reading – Acts 15:1-2,22-29

Psalm – Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

2nd Reading – Revelation 21:10-14,22-23

Gospel – John 14:23-29

A little update on parish life from our open meeting last Saturday:

- We are in the process of waiting for a team of three parishioners to be approved as our new Parish Safeguarding Representatives.
- Br. Antony and Br. Patrick will be leaving our fraternity and moving to Ireland at the beginning of July.
- Due to the generosity of some benefactors we are able to renovate our porch. Our church doors have already received a new lease of life.
- We are waiting to hear more details concerning our plans to renovate the Hall. Once we receive the costings we can then make the decision of how to proceed.
- Groups meeting within our parish will be asked to introduce themselves at Masses throughout the year so you know who they are and what they do, and we invite you to join them.
- We are planning our 1st parish social since the pandemic began on the 25th June. We hope to see all of you there on a great day for the community.
- Our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will be re-commissioned during our Masses on the weekend of 18th/19th June. We thank them for their service in our community. If you would like to join this ministry, please speak to the parish priest.
- The friars have left their friary in Pantasaph, North Wales. The parish and the friary there are now served by the Vincentian Congregation. The Capuchins in the UK are now based in Oxford, Erith, Chester and Durham. Keep praying for new vocations to our way of life, to the priesthood, and religious life in general.

International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians – This Sunday we are asked to join in this Day of Prayer so that ecclesial and pastoral bonds between Eastern and Western Christians may be enriched in the season of Easter.

Growing in Communion – Christian meditation reflecting on Sacred Scripture using both **Apophatic & Imaginative** methods. Next meeting in the Friary Library on **Wednesday 25th May at 7.00 p.m.** To book your place or check availability, email iffleycross@gmail.com

Taizé Group - The next meeting will be on **Thursday 26 May in the Friary Chapel at 7.30 pm**, for 1 hour. Taizé is a monastic community located in Taizé, France, founded in the 1940s. A Taizé worship service involves sung and chanted prayers, meditation, a period of silence, liturgical readings, and icons. Refreshments are provided afterwards and is an opportunity to build ecumenical friendships.

Bible Study - Our next session will be on Thursday 26 May, 7.30-8.30 p.m., in the Friary. We will be looking at Luke 8:4-9:17, 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.

Welcome Sr. Kathleen Murphy – Next weekend we will hear from Sr. Kathleen who is a Sister of Mercy at each Sunday 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 on the weekend of 28/29 May.

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 – On 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 John and Sam 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: £499.57

Gift Aid: £20.70

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 22nd May 2022 Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

6.30 p.m. (Sat) Parishioners
9.00 a.m. Edward James Martin R.I.P.
11.00 a.m. Fr. Stephen's Intentions
5.30 p.m. In thanksgiving for Silroy, Stacy,
Zeon, Da Cunha family

Monday 23rd

St. Margaret of Cortona

7.30 a.m. Rydie and Sean

Tuesday 24th

***Dedication of the Basilica
of St. Francis of Assisi***

7.30 a.m. Thanksgiving

Wednesday 25th

St. Bede the Venerable

7.30 a.m. Sabrena Collins R.I.P.

Thursday 26th

The Ascension of the Lord

7.30 a.m. Herlander Pereira R.I.P.

Friday 27th

***St. Augustine of
Canterbury***

7.30 a.m. Jose Manuel Da Cunha & Maria
Agusta Rebeiro R.I.P.

Saturday 28th

8.00 a.m. Helen Kelly R.I.P.
6.30 p.m. (Vigil) Xavier Maria R.I.P.

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.