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The Nativity of the Lord – 25th December 2022

1st Reading – Isaiah 62: 1-5

Psalm – I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

2nd Reading – Acts of the Apostles – 13: 16-17, 22-25

Gospel – Matthew 1:1-25

Merry Christmas!

On behalf of the Capuchin fraternity here at Greyfriars I would like to wish you and your families the blessings that the Lord has prepared for each of you this Christmastime. It is a joyful time for many, but also a difficult one for those who are bereaved or alone. We pray that the presence of the Lord would console each person and reach out to them through the love and care of others. Thank you also for all your support, prayers, gifts, and love throughout this last year and we pray that the Lord's providence would watch over us in the New Year 2023. Thank you for your donations this weekend which go to the support of the friars.

Leigh Mellor R.I.P. & Daniel Franklin R.I.P. – We pray for the repose of the souls of Leigh Mellor and Daniel Franklin who have died recently. May they rest in peace. We pray for their families that they will be consoled by the Lord during this time.

Sacrament of Penance – please note there will be **no** confessions next Saturday, 31st December 2022.

Refreshments after Mass – please note there will be **no** refreshments served on 25th December or 1st January.

Advent Charity Collections – this year we are supporting two charities:

Lifehouse Christmas Collection – a local charity for mothers and babies/children under 5 years. The charity is currently looking after 9 mothers in the Oxford area, 3 are expecting in the next 2 months. We are looking for the following donations: tasty things to eat, pampering gifts for mothers, toys, books for babies and young children. Alternatively, please follow the link, where we have provided a list of possible donations:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2RGE32QJMLHIP?ref=wl_share.

Please place donations in the box provided in Our Lady's Chapel at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

The Crib Collection this year will go to the Lifehouse Charity. Thank you for your generosity.

The Gatehouse, Oxford is a charity which supports the homeless people of Oxford. They are in need of the following: men's boxer shorts – all sizes, belts large ones for big people, new hairbrushes, deodorants, tissues – small packs, socks, shampoo and shower gels, gloves, fleece (no 'magic' gloves), blankets (not cotton), sleeping bags new and used. Please place donations in the box provided in Our Lady's Chapel at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

First Five Saturday Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady will be held on Saturday 7th January 2023 after the 8.00am Mass. Please see poster in the church porch for more information – all welcome.

Confirmation – There will be a meeting for parents on Saturday 7th January at 10am in the church.

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.

Parish cleaners - Thank you to those who work tirelessly in keeping our church and sacristy clean and sparkling. This week is the turn of the Isobel and Michael.

Parish Donations

Collection Last Week: £440.54

Gift Aid: £58

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

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 25th December 2022 The Nativity of the Lord (Year A)

6.30 p.m. (Sat) Christy and Winnie Joyce R.I.P.
and their intentions

Midnight Danny O'Donovan R.I.P.

9.00 a.m. James Begley R.I.P.

11.00 a.m. Parishioners

Monday 26th

St. Stephen

9.00 a.m. Inseal Family

Tuesday 27th

St. John

9.00 a.m. Jerry McDonagh

Wednesday 28th

The Holy Innocents

9.00 a.m. Michael O'Brien R.I.P.

Thursday 29th

St. Thomas Becket

9.00 a.m. Kieron Hughes

Friday 30th

The Holy Family

9.00 a.m. Johnny & Mary O'Leary R.I.P.

Saturday 31st

8.00 a.m. Jerry McDonagh Int.

6.30 p.m. Sabrena Collins R.I.P.

Mary, Mother of God

11.00 p.m. In thanksgiving

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially Therese O'Malley, Linda Parrott, Aline Beaupiere, Margaret Corcoran, Oonagh Clarkson, Albert Paintin, Bernadette O'Reilly, Gillian Mellor and Frank Whitley. 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.

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Sunday 1st January 2023 Feast of the Holy Family (Year A)

6.30 p.m. (Sat) Sabrena Collins R.I.P. ***Mary, Mother of God***

9.00 a.m. Ints. of Agony in the Garden
Prayer Group

11.00 a.m. Parishioners

5.30 p.m. Mary Joyce Int.

Monday 2nd

***Sts. Basil the Great and
Gregory Nazianzen***

7.30 a.m. Nin Joyce and family

Tuesday 3rd Kit Gaffey and family

The Holy Name of Jesus

7.30 a.m.

Wednesday 4th

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

Thursday 5th

7.30 a.m. Br. Lucjan's Int.

Friday 6th

The Epiphany of the Lord

7.30 a.m. Mary Joyce and family

Saturday 7th

8.00 a.m. Raymond Keown R.I.P.

6.30 p.m. (Vigil) Br. Antonio's Int.

Please note the extra Mass on Saturday 31st December at 11pm in thanksgiving for the last year and welcoming in the New Year 2023.