

FROM THE WEBSITE OF BLACKFRIARS.....

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LAST WEEK we looked at the Dominican Order, popularly known as 'Blackfriars'. This week (3 September) we welcome as Celebrant and Preacher Fr Richard Conrad OP, one of the Oxford Friars. A couple of excerpts from the website may whet your appetite to look further. Meanwhile, our thanks to Fr Richard.

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HERE in the middle of one of the great university cities of the world is to be found a community of about twenty Dominican friars, where prayer, study and preaching are at the centre of our lives. We are a young and vibrant community, a community where young friars are formed in the Dominican life and for their future lives as priests or co-operator brothers.

One of the mottos of the Dominican Order is "to pass on to others the fruits of our contemplation," and so our prayer, study and preaching form a unity and complement each other. We seek to be true to the spirit of St Dominic through the celebration of the sacraments and preaching in our church, by living together in community, through our educational apostolates (Blackfriars Hall and Studium – please see the other main sections of the Blackfriars website for more

information), and by working to build up the Kingdom of God in whatever way we can.

This website too is part of our preaching, helping people to find out more about our Dominican lives, what we do and what we can offer. We pray for our benefactors and for all to whom we minister, and we also ask you to pray for us.....

The first years of the 21st century have brought us new opportunities and challenges, as we seek to renew and enhance our apostolic mission. We continue to be blessed with vocations, young friars eager to receive the theological formation essential for evangelization and a fruitful dialogue between Catholic Faith and wider culture.

In our Hall and Studium we look to welcome more people who share our passion for discovering and communicating the truth. To meet this goal, we are seeking to provide expanded facilities, new courses, summer schools and conferences, making use of new media for learning. At the heart of our plans is the recently founded Aquinas Institute, which we hope will receive funding for research scholarships and student bursaries.

Blackfriars aims to be a unique centre where theologians, philosophers and those with expertise from many walks of life can learn from each other and in partnership rediscover the attractiveness of faith and its importance in the realities of today's world..



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Sunday 3 rd September	SUNDAY 22A PER ANNUM Sung Mass: 9.30am St Mary's (Fr Richard Conrad OP) Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's (Fr Richard Conrad OP)	Year A: Psalter Week 2 [GREEN]
Monday 4 th September	<i>St Cuthbert, Bishop</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[white]
Tuesday 5 th September	<i>Of Week 22</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[green]
Wednesday 6 th September	<i>Of Week 22</i> Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's	[green]
Thursday 7 th September	<i>Of Week 22</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[green]
Friday 8 th September	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass: 8.30am Hendred House <i>Adoration: 3pm Hendred House</i>	[white] <i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 9 th September	<i>Our Lady St Mary on Saturday</i> <i>No Mass at St Mary's. Mass: 9.30am at English Martyrs, Didcot</i>	
Sunday 10 th September	SUNDAY 23A PER ANNUM Sung Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's	Year A: Psalter Week 3 [GREEN]
	Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by appointment www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk	

THIS WEEK

GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

At our next meeting on Tuesday (**September 5th**) we begin the Second Book of Samuel in the Old Testament to read about David's anointing as the king of Judah. We will be using chapters 1 and 2 to help us discuss and pray together. All are welcome. We start with coffee and biscuits in the Parish Rooms at about 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start; the normal finishing time is about 8.30 - 45.

RIDE & STRIDE 2017

The annual Ride & Stride event is taking place on **Saturday (9th September)**. Volunteers are needed to welcome visitors to our churches.

LOOKING AHEAD

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth group will meet next on **Friday 15th September**. After meeting at the Parish Rooms at 7:15pm we shall travel to the East Hendred vineyards, where we will have a tour, some snacks, and fun and games. We will return to the Parish Rooms for 9pm pick up. Many thanks to Eileen, David, Michael and Naomi Bell for hosting us. For more information please contact Veronica at veronicapaget@hotmail.com

ST PATRICK'S BBQ

It will be on **Sunday 17th September**. Please remember to sign up and indicate if you are bringing a salad or a dessert.

ALPHA is for anyone who is curious about the big questions of life! The talks are designed to encourage conversation and explore the basics of the Christian Faith in a friendly, open and informal manner. Please come to our first evening on **Sunday 17th September** 5.30-8pm in St Amand's School, light supper included. No charge but donations are welcome! Phil or Anne-Marie on 07811602964 annmarie.kershaw@googlemail.com or philipkershaw@yahoo.com

PPC MEETING

On **Thursday 21st September** at 8pm in the Holy Family Room at St Mary's.

AFTERNOON TEA

St Mary's Church are inviting the village to afternoon tea in Snells Hall on **Sunday 24th September**, in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham, from 2-4pm.

SECOND COLLECTIONS Home Mission:
17/9; The Cathedral: 24/9; ACN: 15/10



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PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sunday's collection raised a total of £766.20 of which 81% was Gift Aided.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

BAPTISM AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.



THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

Kathleen Doyle, Sr Catherine, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Alfie Bartlam, Jadvyga Adaske, Angus Clark and Helen Walker. Names remain for four weeks. Please request further inclusion.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently especially *Jimmy Townley* and those with anniversaries at this time: *Eddie Reedy, Sidney Harris, Maureen Eyston, Thomas Smith, Catherine Kent, Fred Anns, Peter & Gill Acton, Joseph Champ, Irene Gilbert, Nenita Young, and Norman Mulford.*

HOLY FATHER'S SEPTEMBER INTENTION - PARISHES

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

APF RED BOXES

It is time again to bring in your boxes to your promoter, for them to empty out all your unspent money from your holidays. It is a very worthy cause that is going to. In addition could you please be prompt as the £1 coins are going out of circulation in October. Thank you all for your generosity. Margaret Maytham 850126

WALK FROM ST MARY'S TO ST PATRICK'S

A group will be walking after Mass at St Mary's along the Ridgeway to St Patrick's in time for their barbeque, which is about 7 miles. If you are interested, please contact Chris Holmes, Rob Cooke or Geoff Bailey for more details.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need a few more volunteers for midweek tasks in church. Please see if you could help. The bins can be very heavy! Other jobs include emptying bins, keeping the votive candle stands fully stocked, sorting leaflets, watering flowers, attending to the candles. Small jobs but our volunteer base is too narrow at present. Please have a word with Fr Andrew.

DIDCOT EMERGENCY FOOD BANK NEWS

Happily we have been able to keep stock levels high enough to meet the need, thanks to our donors of food, and increasingly, money, which we now need to buy in tins of staples like veg fruit and meat together with pasta, rice, UHT milk. One of the great things we have been able to do in recent months is give good quantities of bread, fresh fruit and veg each week, courtesy of SOFEA and Tesco. Please see **full** update in the porch.

NEWSLETTER | Please **do not** send any new items until after the **24th September**.