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*Ave, in triumphis Filii,
in ignibus Paracliti,
in regni honore et lumine,
Regina fulgens gloria.*



Hail, in the triumphs of thy Son,
in the fiery tongues of the Paraclete,
in the honour and light of the Kingdom,
O Queen of Heaven
radiant in glory!

*Services for the Thirtieth week of Ordinary Time (OF) – 23rd after Pentecost (EF)
27th October – 2nd November 2024
October – The Month of Our Lady of the Rosary
November – The Month of the Holy Souls*

Saturday 26th October, Vigil of Sunday

Confessions, 5.15 – 5.45 pm

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

Paul Radcliffe RIP

Sunday 27th October, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Christ the King (EF)

Holy Mass, 8.00 am

Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

Rosary, Sermon, & Benediction, 5.00 pm

The People of the Parish

Our Lady's intentions for US election

Monday 28th October, The Feast of SS. Simon & Jude, Apostles (OF, EF)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Patrick Curran

Tuesday 29th October, Feria (OF, EF)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Stratford Caldecott RIP, Leonie &
Caldecott family

Wednesday 30th October, Feria (OF, EF)

Votive Mass of Our Lady of the Rosary, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Mary Florence

Thursday 31st October, Feria (OF, EF)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Holy Hour, 4.00 – 5.00 pm, Confessions, 4.15 – 5.00 pm, Benediction, 5 pm

Jeremy Ball RIP

Friday 1st November, The Solemnity of All Saints (OF, EF) – Holyday of Obligation - First Friday (Sacred Heart)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

High Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Beatrice

David Long

Saturday 2nd November, All Souls' Day (OF, EF) - First Saturday (The Immaculate Heart of Mary)

Requiem Mass, 9.30 am

Requiem Mass, 10.30 am (Extraord. Form)

Holy Hour & Confessions cancelled today only

Conor McCarthy RIP

All the faithful departed

Saturday 2nd November, Vigil of Sunday

Confessions, 5.15 - 5.45 pm

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

Ron Silvester RIP

Sunday 3rd November, Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4th Sunday remaining after Epiphany (EF)

Holy Mass, 8.00 am

Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

The People of the Parish

The Altar Servers

Father John writes:

This Weekend: the clocks go back!

This Weekend: Second Collection

This Sunday there will be a second collection for the Kiltegan Fathers (St Patrick's Missionary Society). Gift-aid envelopes will be available. You'll also find Mass cards and Perpetual Enrolment folders for Masses to be offered by the Fathers: suggested donation for the folders £10, and for cards £5. If you take a card or a folder, please make your donation on the Dona machine, using the St Patrick's button, and sign the sheet indicating the intention for the card or folder.

This Sunday: Rosary, Sermon, & Benediction

The preacher will be Fr Lawrence Lew OP of Blackfriars, the Dominican Order's worldwide promoter of the Holy Rosary.

Next Sunday: Second Collection

3rd November: Johnson Association

Advance Notice: Second Collection

10th November: Aid to the Church in Need (Church in Lebanon)

Advance Notice: Blessing of the Graves

There will be prayers (*not Mass*) in the chapel of Wolvercote Cemetery at **11.00 am on Tuesday 5th November**, followed by the annual Blessing of Graves. The same evening there will be High Mass in the Extraordinary Form for the Feast of the Holy Relics Honoured in the Churches of the Archdiocese.

October - The Month of the Holy Rosary

- There is still time to sign up for membership of the ancient Confraternity of the Rosary. Explanatory leaflets and the membership book are available in the narthex.
- Try to pray the Rosary, at least one decade, every day as a family, or for the family on your own, remembering the words of Fr Patrick Peyton: ***The family that prays together stays together.***

40 Days for Life: 23rd September – 3rd November

The vigil of prayer continues outside St Anthony's Catholic Church from 7 am to 7 pm every day throughout these last few days of the 40 days.

November – The Month of the Holy Souls

During November we remember in a special way the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The prayers we say for them, the sacrifices and pains we offer up for them, the indulgences we obtain for them, and the Masses we ask to be said for them, help them pass more quickly through the purification that prepares them for the happiness of Heaven. **Please take one of the 'November lists' sheets from the sideboard in the narthex, write in the names of the departed you wish to have remembered at the special Masses in November, place the list in the special *Month of the Holy Souls* envelopes, and return it to the Presbytery. The lists will be kept on Our Lady's altar.**

First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2025

Please let me know if you would like your children to make their First Holy Communion next May or June, or receive

the Sacrament of Confirmation from His Grace the Archbishop in June.

Confessions: Now is the Time!

I encourage you to consider making your Confession once a month throughout the year, and to prepare remotely for Confession by briefly examining your conscience every evening.

New Lectionaries and Book of the Gospels

The beautiful new Lectionaries and Book of the Gospels (9 volumes in all), to be used in all parishes in England and Wales from the First Sunday in Advent, have now arrived. The total cost is £1262. Please let me know if you would be willing to make a donation to cover this cost.

Dona Machine/Card Reader

As most of you will know, there have been some problems with the Dona Machine/Card Reader in the narthex. We hope that it is now working normally, but, should you encounter problems, it is possible to make a card donation via the red **Donate** button on the parish website (<https://www.ssgregoryandaugustine.org/>)

Car Park: Take Care When Entering or Leaving!

Changes to the traffic lanes on the Woodstock Road have pushed fast-moving traffic closer to the entrance to the car park. There are also more cyclists on the pavement. Please take care when entering or leaving, and make good use of the widened kerb. Hedges and greenery have been cut back to aid visibility entering and exiting.

Opposing Assisted Suicide

If you haven't done so already, please email our local MP, as a matter of urgency, to register your opposition to this great evil: layla.moran.mp@parliament.uk

The Food Larder

Thank you to all those contributing items each week. Please continue to donate dry goods, and toiletries, using the boxes in the narthex and Presbytery porch.

Please pray for all persecuted Christians.

Please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan, and throughout the world.

Please pray for the sick and housebound

His Majesty The King, HRH The Princess of Wales, Anne-Marie, Maureen Dalton, Imogen Davies, Mike Hall, Aneta Gawrysiak, Joyann Green, Sr. Joseph Andrew OP, Jill Kelly, Emily Long, Elsie Michaud, Fiona McLaren, Anne Morris, Alice Murphy, Angela Prendergast, Joy Smith, Anthea Watson, and Dennis White.

Please pray for the faithful departed

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Jill Pinnock, who died recently, and for Monica Busby, Bridget Chatterton, Luciano Checchia, Joan Lambert, and Kathleen Beatrice Nicholson, who have anniversaries at this time.

+ Requiem aeternam dona eis,
Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.
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The Parish of SS Gregory and Augustine is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church.

We work closely with the Archdiocese of Birmingham Safeguarding Team to create a safe environment for children, young people, and adults at risk.

Our Safeguarding Officer is Claire Harrington, sg.ssgregory-staugustine.Oxford@rcaob.org.uk.

For further information please click on <https://www.ssgregoryandaugustine.org/safeguarding>

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