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*Ecce dedi verba mea
in ore tuo;
ecce constitui te
super gentes
et super regna.*



Behold I have given my words
in thy mouth;
lo, I have set thee this day
over the nations
and over the kingdoms.

Jeremiah 1: 9-10

*Services for the Twenty-second Week of Ordinary Time (OF) – 15th after Pentecost (EF)
1st – 7th September 2024
September – The Month of the Holy Angels*

Saturday 31st August, Vigil of Sunday

Confessions, 5.15 – 5.45 pm

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

Rosarie

Sunday 1st September, Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Mass, 8.00 am

Solemn Mass of St Gregory, 10.30 am

Johnnie FitzGibbon

Patricia Moran RIP

Monday 2nd September, Feria (OF) – St Stephen, King (EF)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Eugénie Kanza RIP

Tuesday 3rd September, Solemnity of St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor, Apostle of the English, Our Patron (OF) – St Pius X, Pope & Confessor (EF)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Private Intention (CS)

Wednesday 4th September, St Cuthbert, Bishop & Confessor (OF) – Feria (EF)

Votive Mass of St Joseph, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Frank Njururi

Thursday 5th September, Feria (OF) – 1st Thursday (Christ the Priest) – St Laurence Justinian, Bishop & Confessor (EF)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Votive Mass of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, 12.00 noon (EF)

Holy Hour, 4 – 5.00 pm, Confessions, 4.15 – 5 pm, Benediction, 5.00 pm

Jim O’Kane RIP

Jasper Mole RIP

Friday 6th September, Feria (OF, EF) – First Friday (The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus)

Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Mary Stamberger

Saturday 7th September, Saturday of Our Lady - First Saturday (The Immaculate Heart of Mary)

Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, 9.30 am

Holy Hour & Confessions, 10.00 - 11.00 am, Benediction, 11.00 am

The Clarke family

Saturday 7th September, Vigil of Sunday

Confessions, 5.15 - 5.45 pm

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

Jim O’Kane RIP

Sunday 8th September, The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Mass, 8.00 am

Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

The People of the Parish

Joy

Father John writes:

This Sunday: Anticipation of St Gregory's Feast

The feast day of our patron, Pope St Gregory the Great, the Apostle of the English, falls on Tuesday 3rd September. We will celebrate the feast on its proper day, and have a Solemn Mass in his honour this Sunday, 1st.

This Thursday: Mothers and Toddlers Return

The Mothers and Toddlers group will meet for the first time since the summer holidays this Thursday, 5th, after the 9.30 Mass.

This Thursday: March for Life

The annual March for Life will set out from The Emmanuel Centre, SW1P 3DW at 1.30 pm on Saturday 7th September. The organizers are inviting us to join an Oxford contingent travelling down on the bus together. Taking part in the March is a powerful witness to the sacred inviolability of human life in the womb. For more information, please check out: <https://prolifecommunityoxford.org.uk/m4/>

September: The Month of the Holy Angels

September is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Angels. You might like to begin to say each morning, this month and always, this prayer to your guardian angel, asking for his protection: **Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide.**

Advance Notice: Ride & Stride 2024

– Saturday 14th September

Each year cyclists, walkers, and horse-riders raise sponsor money for the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust by visiting as many churches and chapels on a single day as they can. The individual churches receive 50% of the money their riders and striders raise. I invite you to take part in this year's *Ride and Stride* by riding or striding yourself, or by being one of the team of welcomers. **We need volunteers to welcome riders and striders at St Gregory's. Welcomers sit in the Glass Room, each for an hour, to register riders and striders and offer refreshments – all done sitting down! Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you can help.**

Confessions: Now is the Time!

People come to Confessions in large numbers during Advent and Lent, but then the numbers drop off. This is puzzling: Do we only commit sins twice a year? I don't think so. We all have a daily struggle. **I encourage you therefore to consider making your Confession once a month throughout the year, and to prepare remotely for Confession by briefly examining your conscience every evening.** Please note the times for Confession in the weekly schedule. If none of these times is convenient, you can always make an appointment, and of course there

are Confessions every day at our mother church, the Oratory church of St Aloysius. Referring to the importance of frequent Confession, Pope Benedict said: 'If I never go to confession, my soul is neglected, and I end up feeling pleased with myself ... The cleansing of the soul that Jesus gives us in the Sacrament of Confession helps make our consciences more alert, more open, and so helps us to be more spiritually mature'.

Mass Intentions

Asking for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to be offered for anyone, living or dead, is a beautiful and powerful act of faith, hope, and charity. If you would like a Holy Mass offered, please use one of the little brown envelopes in the narthex, fill in the details, add your offering, and return through the Presbytery letter-box or collection plate.

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. New contributors are always welcome! Just one item each week makes a difference.

Access Restored

We can once again use the steps up to the church from the Woodstock Road. The council workers have now moved further down the road.

Please pray for all persecuted Christians throughout the world.

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

Please pray for the sick and housebound

His Majesty The King, HRH The Princess of Wales, Anne-Marie, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Jane Brownson, Ela Bulewicz, Olive Clarke, Paul Conway, 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, Jill Pinnock, Fr Andrew Pinsent, Angela Prendergast, Catherine Scott-Yeomans, Joy Smith, Malcolm Spicer, Matthew Spicer, Evelyn Watkin, 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 James Michael Devine, Maria Grohss, Jim O'Kane, Mabel Purcell, and Ronald Tolkien, 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.stgregory-staugustine.Oxford@rcaob.org.uk.

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

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