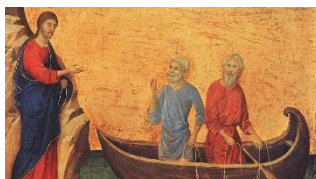


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*Et ait ad Simonem Jesus:
 Noli timere:
 ex hoc iam
 homines eris capiens.*



And Jesus said to Simon:
 Do not be afraid:
 henceforth
 you will be catching men.

Luke 5: 10

*Services for the Fifth Week of Ordinary Time
 9th – 15th February 2025
 February – The Month of the Holy Family*

Saturday 8th February, Vigil of Sunday

Confessions, 5.15 – 5.45 pm
 Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

The People of the Parish

Sunday 9th February, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (OF) – 5th Sunday after the Epiphany (EF)

Holy Mass, 8.00 am
 Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

Rosario, Carmela, and Joseph RIP
 Michael McLoughlin RIP

Monday 10th February, St Scholastica, Virgin (OF, EF)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Cornelius Murphy RIP

Tuesday 11th February, Our Lady of Lourdes (OF, EF)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Sertorio Saldanho

Wednesday 12th February, Feria (OF) - The Seven Holy Founders of the Order of Servants of Our Lady (EF)

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Derek Henderson RIP

Thursday 13th February, Feria (OF, EF)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am
 Holy Hour, 4 – 5.00 pm, Confessions, 4.15 – 5 pm, Benediction, 5.00 pm

John & Hannah Chegwyn

Friday 14th February, Feast of St Cyril, Monk, & St Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe (OF) – Feria (EF)

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Fr Christopher Basden

Saturday 15th February, Our Lady on Saturday (OF, EF)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am
 Holy Hour & Confessions, 10.00 - 11.00 am, Benediction, 11.00 am

Roz Cooper

Saturday 15th February, Vigil of Sunday

Confessions, 5.15 - 5.45 pm
 Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

Mary Clougherty & Gage Horsh

Sunday 16th February, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (OF) – Septuagesima (EF)

Holy Mass, 8.00 am
 Solemn Mass, 10.30 am
 Holy Mass, 12 noon (Extraord. Form)

Valerie Skillbred
 The People of the Parish
 Fr Cormac Rigby RIP

Father John writes:

Advance Notice: Lenten Days of Adoration

I intend this Lent to return to our original practice of having a complete day of Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday. It will be a challenge for all of us to ensure that Our Lord always has worshippers throughout the day. As usual, the Adoration will end with Confessions and Traditional Latin Benediction. I am sure this new venture, which for us is really old, will bring great blessings to our parish. Remember the noble words of Pope St John Paul II: **The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic Adoration. Jesus awaits us in this Sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to meet Him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and in openness to making amends for the serious offences and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease!**

Advance Notice: Consecration to Our Lady

After the High Mass in the Extraordinary Form on Tuesday 25th March, there will be an opportunity to consecrate ourselves to Our Lady, using the words of St Louis-Marie de Montfort. Those who have already made the Consecration can renew it on this occasion. The 33-day preparation for the Consecration will begin on Thursday 20th February. I shall give a talk on Consecration on Thursday 13th February. **You might like to prepare for the Consecration with the help of John Pridmore and Niall Slattery's excellent little book, *33 Day Consecration to Jesus through Mary*, which is available, price £4.50, from either the Catholic Truth Society or Amazon.**

Reverence for the Blessed Sacrament:

When the bell rings

Every Sunday, immediately after the 10.30 Mass, Deacon James takes Holy Communion to the sick. He collects the Hosts from the Tabernacle and departs. **As a mark of reverence for the Blessed Sacrament, please kneel and keep silence when the bell rings and he enters the sanctuary.**

Companions of the Order of Malta: Request for Support

The Oxford Companions of the Order of Malta is a group of Oxford students who offer their time and energy to serve the poor and marginalized in Oxford, including distributing breakfast items to the homeless, plus hot drinks and sandwiches in the evenings. They also run a weekly drop-in centre providing space for them to socialize and shower and have some hot food, serving as many as 40 guests in a week. They also enable students to visit the elderly and are hoping to increase their involvement with care homes this year. The Oxford Companions are entirely reliant on donations to meet their costs of c. £2,000 per term. As you will appreciate, this is a lot for a student group to raise. They would be most grateful for any donations towards their running costs. To make your donation, please email the Companions directly for bank details: blessed.gerard.opn@gmail.com

Assisted Suicide Bill: Keep up the fight!

Please keep up your prayers for the defeat of this evil Bill at its third reading on 25th April, and do submit evidence to the Commons committee reviewing the Bill, if you are able to speak from experience as a doctor, nurse, lawyer, carer (past or present), or disabled person. Remember that the first government in modern times to introduce euthanasia was the National Socialist regime in Germany. Check out this link for more information:

<https://mailchi.mp/carenokilling/act-fast-call-for-evidence-on-leadbeater-bill?e=e88d385a25>

Care Not Killing has recently provided evidence of **bias in the media, especially the BBC, in favour of assisted suicide:** <https://carenokilling.org.uk/take-action/media-bias/>

***The Catechism of the Catholic Church* with admirable clarity restates the Church's perennial condemnation of suicide: *Suicide contradicts the natural inclination of the human being to preserve and perpetuate his life. It is gravely contrary to the just love of self. It likewise offends love of neighbour because it unjustly breaks the ties of solidarity with family, nation, and other human societies to which we continue to have obligations. Suicide is contrary to love for the living God* (n. 2281).**

The Food Larder

Thank you to all those contributing items each week. Please continue to donate dry food stuffs and toiletries, using the boxes in the narthex and Presbytery porch. **Now that the weather is so bitterly cold, it is particularly important to help people who, even in North Oxford, may feel forced to choose between heating and eating.**

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, Patrick Curran, 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, 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 Betty Merville Mary Brown, Florentina Iampieri di Gennaro, Mary Martin, Maria Luisa Montes-Friera, and Zofia Skarbak-Kruszewska, 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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