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*Dixit eis Jesus:
Amen, amen dico vobis,
antequam Abraham fieret
ego sum.*

Jesus said to them:
Amen, amen, I say to you,
Before Abraham was,
I am.

*Services for the Fifth Week of Lent
17th – 23rd March 2024
March – The Month of St Joseph
Passiontide*

Saturday 16th March, <i>The Vigil of Sunday</i>	
Confessions, 5.15 pm	
Holy Mass, 6.00 pm	The People of the Parish
Sunday 17th March, <i>The 5th Sunday in Lent (OF) – Passion Sunday (EF)</i>	
Holy Mass, 8.00 am	Maria Tilma RIP
Solemn Mass, 10.30 am	Victoria
Holy Mass, 12.00 noon (Extraord. Form)	Padre Riccardo
Stations of the Cross & Benediction, 5.00 pm	
Monday 18th March, <i>St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (OF) – Lenten Feria (EF)</i>	
Holy Mass, 9.30 am	Jose & Ilda Mendonca RIP
Tuesday 19th March, <i>The Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of Our Lady, Patron of the Universal Church (OF, EF)</i>	
Holy Mass, 9.30 am	Sertorio da Conceição RIP
Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)	The fathers of the parish
Followed by Confessions until 7.45 pm (visiting priest)	
Wednesday 20th March, <i>Lenten Feria (OF, EF)</i>	
Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)	Tomek Morawiec RIP
Thursday 21st March, <i>Lenten Feria (OF) – St Benedict, Abbot (EF)</i>	
NB: No 9.30 am Mass today because of Requiem	
10.30 am Requiem Mass for Mary Farrow	
Holy Hour & Confessions , 4.15 – 5.00 pm, Benediction, 5.00 pm	
Friday 22nd March, <i>Lenten Feria (OF, EF)</i>	
Holy Mass, 9.30 am, followed by Stations of the Cross	Padre Riccardo
Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)	Michael Chegwyn
Saturday 23rd March, <i>St Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop & Confessor (OF) – Lenten Feria (EF)</i>	
Holy Mass, 9.30 am	Kathleen O’Riordan RIP
Holy Hour, Confessions , 10.00 - 11.00 am, Benediction, 11.00 am	
Saturday 23rd March, <i>The Vigil of Sunday</i>	
Confessions, 5.15 – 5.45 pm	
Holy Mass with Blessing of Palms, 6.00 pm	Paul Radcliffe
Sunday 24th March, <i>Palm Sunday (OF, EF)</i>	
Holy Mass with Blessing of Palms, 8.00 am	The People of the Parish
Solemn Mass with Blessing of Palms & Procession, 10.30 am	Anna Marchesani

Father John writes:

Second Collection today: Easter Flowers

Advance Notice: Second Collections

- Holy Places – Good Friday
- Second Century Fund – 7th April

The Stations of the Cross at Home

If you're not able to join us for Stations of the Cross this Sunday afternoon or on Good Friday evening, you can follow the Way of the Cross at home using our website, which has images of our own St Gregory's Stations together with St Alphonsus's prayers

<https://www.ssgregoryandaugustine.org/stations-of-the-cross> (under the *Devotions* tab).

This Thursday: Lent Scripture Study

The final Lenten Scripture study session will be **this Thursday, 21st March at 7.30 pm**. You'll find the readings (John ch. 20) here: <https://isidore.co/aquinas/english/CAJohn.htm>

Advance Notice: Liturgies of the Sacred Triduum

- **28th March, Maundy Thursday**
8 pm, The Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by watching at the Altar of Repose till Midnight.
- **29th March, Good Friday**
3 pm, The Solemn Liturgy of the Passion, with the reading of the Passion according to St John, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.
- **30th March, Holy Saturday**
8 pm, The Easter Vigil with the blessing of the Paschal Fire and Candle, the Procession and *Exsultet*, the Lessons, the Blessing of the Baptismal Water, the Renewal of Baptismal Promises, and the first Mass of Easter.
- **31st March, Easter Sunday**
8 am, Holy Mass
10.30 am Solemn Mass
12.30 pm (NB: Later time) Holy Mass (Extraordinary Form).

Cardinal Burke: 9-Month Novena to Our Lady

In the narthex there are copies of the beautiful prayer composed by Cardinal Burke for daily recitation between now and the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on 12th December. It asks the Mother of God for her protection and intercession 'against the darkness and sin which ever more envelop the world and menace the Church'. Slip the prayer into a Missal, handbag, or wallet for easy access. For more information: <https://twitter.com/cardinalrlburke/status/1762254262677938407?s=20>

Care Not Killing: Resisting the Push for Assisted Suicide

Dr Gordon Macdonald, Chief Executive of *Care Not Killing*, has made a statement on Keir Starmer's recent comments on assisted suicide and euthanasia:

"Changing the law to legalize assisted suicide and euthanasia in the UK would represent a dramatic change in how doctors and nurses treat and care for people and put the lives of the vulnerable, terminally ill, and disabled people at risk. Indeed, these dangers are particularly acute when the health service is crumbling, hospices are underfunded, and one in every four people who would benefit from palliative care can't access it. This was why the Health and Social Care Committee report highlighted the need for massive improvements in services for people at their end of life. Against the backdrop of the Committee's recommendations ordinary voters will rightly be surprised and alarmed that the Labour Leader has decided to make this intervention. They will rightly ask: is the killing of the terminally ill and disabled people really Labour's top legislative priority if they win the next General Election?"

Care Not Killing promotes palliative care and opposes assisted suicide and euthanasia. Please check out their website <https://www.carenotkilling.org.uk/>

Gift Aid Envelopes

For those who use them, personalized Gift Aid envelopes are now ready for collection in the narthex. Anyone who would like to use these envelopes in future can obtain them by contacting the Treasurer, Captain Mike Sauvage, on 07711578803.

Food Larder

Thank you to all those who are contributing items each week. **Please** continue to donate dry goods and toiletries using the boxes in the narthex and Presbytery porch. Every tin or packet makes a difference. **This week's special requests:** toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo, soap, and washing up liquid.

Please pray for peace in the Middle East, and don't forget Ukraine!

Please pray for the sick and housebound

His Majesty The King, The Princess of Wales, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Jane Brownson, Ela Bulewicz, Olive Clarke, Paul Conway, Maureen Dalton, Nicky de Bono, Mike Hall, Aneta Gawrysiak, Joyann Green, Sr. Joseph Andrew OP, Jill Kelly, Emily Long, Elsie Maria Michaud, Fiona McLaren, Anne Morris, Alice Murphy, Jill Pinnock, Sharon Power-Hartley, Joy Smith, Fr Frank Sofie, Malcolm Spicer, Matthew Spicer, Evelyn Watkin, and Anthea Watson.

Please pray for the faithful departed

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Mary Farrow, who died recently, and for Martin Graham, Eileen Hutchings, and Anthony Meade, who have anniversaries at this time.

+ Requiem aeternam dona eis,
Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.

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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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