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*Et ecce vox de nube, dicens,
 Hic est Filius meus dilectus,
 in quo mihi bene complacui.
 Ipsum audite.*



A lo, a voice out of the cloud, saying,
 This is my beloved Son,
 in whom I am well pleased.
 Listen to Him.

Matthew 17:5

*Services for the Third Week of Lent
 1st – 7th March 2026
 March – The Month of St Joseph*

Saturday 28th February, Holy Mass, 9.30 am Holy Hour & Confessions, 10.00 - 11.00 am, Benediction, 11.00 am	Thanksgiving for Emma's job
Saturday 28th February, Vigil of Sunday Confessions, 5.15 pm Holy Mass, 6.00 pm	Priscilla Tolkien RIP
Sunday 1st March, Second Sunday of Lent (OF, EF) Holy Mass, 8.00 am Solemn Mass, 10.30 am Stations of the Cross & Benediction, 5.00 pm	Clare Finnis The People of the Parish
Monday 2nd March, The Feast of St Chad, Bishop, Patron of the Archdiocese (OF, EF) Holy Mass, 9.30 am	Margaret McManus
Tuesday 3rd March, Lenten Feria (OF, EF) Requiem Mass, 9.30 am	Mary Radda RIP
Wednesday 4th March, St Casimir of Lithuania, Confessor (OF) – Lenten Feria (EF) Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)	Mary Ward RIP
Thursday 5th March, Lenten Feria (OF, EF) Holy Mass, 9.30 am, followed by Confessions to 10.30 am Holy Mass, 12.00 noon (Extraord. Form) Holy Hour & Confessions, 4.00 – 5 pm, Benediction, 5.00 pm	René Pollonais RIP Fr Narikuzhi
Friday 6th March, Lenten Feria (OF) - SS. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs (EF) Holy Mass, 9.30 am, followed by Stations of the Cross Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form), Confessions, 7.00 – 7.30 pm	Brenda & Naida RIP Joy Smith RIP
Saturday 7th March, SS. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs (OF) – St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor (EF) Holy Mass, 9.30 am Holy Hour & Confessions, 10.00 - 11.00 am, Benediction, 11.00 am	The Moyescik family
Saturday 7th March, Vigil of Sunday Confessions, 5.15 pm Holy Mass, 6.00 pm	John O'Riordan RIP
Sunday 8th March, The Third Sunday in Lent (OF, EF) Holy Mass, 8.00 am Solemn Mass, 10.30 am Stations of the Cross & Benediction, 5.00 pm	John O'Donnell RIP The People of the Parish

Father John writes:

This Sunday at 5 pm: Stations of the Cross

The intention with which we pray the Stations of the Cross is summed up in these words:

***Jesus, who for love of me,
Didst bear thy Cross to Calvary,
In thy mercy grant to me
To suffer and to die for thee.***

Through the traditional Stations of St Alphonsus Liguori, we are moved to take up our cross for the love of Jesus Crucified. **Please join us for these devotions at 5 pm this Sunday and every Sunday in Lent, as well as on Friday mornings, and offer them up for peace in the world.** You can follow our own Stations of the Cross online at <https://www.ssgregoryandaugustine.org/stations-of-the-cross>

This Tuesday: Prayer Group

The prayer group, started and led by parishioners, will be meeting this **Tuesday, 3rd, at 7:30 pm**. The meeting includes Evening Prayer and intercessions (held in the Presbytery sitting room) and ends with the Stations of the Cross (in church). All are welcome.

***Second Collection this Weekend:
CaFOD Family Fast Day***

- Important: If you wish to Gift-Aid your donation, please use the special CaFOD envelopes.
- Donations made via the Digital Plate cannot be Gift Aided for this collection.

Advance Notice: Second Collections

- Cathedral Maintenance (8th March)
- Uganda Piano Project (15th March)

Lent - Time for Confession

Every Catholic has the obligation to go to Confession at least once a year. The best time to fulfil the obligation is Lent.

Lenten almsgiving

- Our parish Lenten alms will once again be given to Aid to the Church in Need for its work in the Middle East and Ukraine.
- For your own personal almsgiving, you might like to contribute to the **Food Bank** boxes (for the Cutteslowe Community Larder) in the narthex or Presbytery porch.
- Donations must be dry goods only. Why not bring a couple of items with you to Mass on Sundays?

A piano for Uganda: A Lenten challenge for St Gregory's

Our parishioner Paul Lokubal tells me that St Mary's Seminary in Nadiket, Uganda, is in urgent need of a piano. A suitable instrument, the Yamaha CVP 701, costs about £3000. I invite parishioners to make donations to cover this cost. **If you would like to donate by card, you will find a dedicated button on the card-reader marked 'Piano Project'.**

Advance Notice: Chartres Pilgrimage

Dr Liam McDonnell is organizing an Oxford chapter for the Chartres Pilgrimage from 23rd to 25th May. If you are interested in joining the chapter, please email Liam on liam.d.mcdonnell@gmail.com.

Advance Notice: Men's Pro-life Conference

Calling men of all ages and states of life: book your place at *Commissioned*, the National Men's Pro-life Conference, on 18th April at Birmingham Christian College. Through compelling talks on fatherhood, marriage, post-abortion healing, spiritual warfare, and sexual responsibility, learn to live out your vocation with humility, courage, and integrity. For more info including speakers or to book your place go to <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/commissioned-pro-life-mens-conference/> or contact info@marchforlife.co.uk

Oxford Pro-Life Community

We need you. Oxford Pro-Life Community are working to build a living and lively community of people in Oxford that has a real impact in promoting the respect for the inviolable right to life of all human beings. If that sounds exciting to you, and you can spare an hour or so a week, visit oxfordprolife.org.uk/volunteer.

Assisted Suicide Bill: Breaking News

The Government chief whip in the Lords has announced that the Government will not give Leadbeater's evil assisted suicide bill more time for debate in the Lords before the end of the Parliamentary session in May. This means that almost certainly the bill will fall. However, the *Telegraph* reports that a group of supporters of the bill in the Commons are planning to force it into law by introducing private members' bills on the same subject. Such a tactic would oblige the Commons to debate it again. If a second bill were then passed in the Commons, the Parliament Act could be invoked to circumvent the Lords and ensure it becomes law. Please pray that this knavish plot is frustrated.

Please pray for all persecuted Christians.

Please pray for the protection of the Jewish people.

Please pray for peace in Ukraine, Gaza, and Israel.

Please pray for the sick and housebound

Patrick Curran, Anne-Marie, Maureen Dalton, Peter Howell, Aneta Gawrysiak, Joyann Green, Sr. Joseph Andrew OP, Jill Kelly, Emily Long, Fiona McLaren, Alice Murphy, Anthea Watson, Becky White, Dennis White, and Fr Michael White.

Please pray for the faithful departed

Please pray for William Attridge, James Brogan, Douglas Carter, Gerald William Duley, Magda Janke Duley, Ruth Mary Escritt, John Farrow, Johanna Franklin, Jose Luis Grau, Kathleen O'Riordan, and Charles Pinsent, whose anniversaries fall 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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