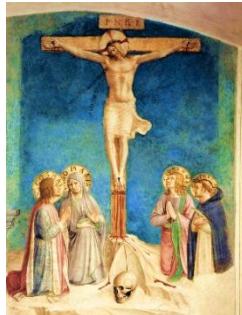


*Non enim iudicavi  
me scire aliquid inter vos,  
nisi Christum Iesum,  
et hunc crucifixum.*



I decided to know  
nothing among you  
except Christ Jesus,  
and Him crucified.

1 Corinthians 2: 2

*Services for the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time (OF) – The Week of Sexagesima (EF)*  
*8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026*  
*February – The Month of the Holy Family*

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**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February, St Romuald, Abbot (EF) – First Saturday (Immaculate Heart of Mary) (OF, EF)**  
Holy Mass, 9.30 am Andrea Bocelli  
Holy Hour & Confessions, 10.00 - 11.00 am, Benediction, 11.00 am

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**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February, Vigil of Sunday – The Visitation of Bishop Richard Walker**  
Confessions, 5.15 pm Fr Simon Bishop SJ, RIP  
Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

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**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (OF) – Sexagesima (EF) – The Visitation of Bishop Richard Walker**  
Holy Mass, 8.00 am The People of the Parish  
Solemn Mass, 10.30 am Vincent & Theresa

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**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February, Feria (OF) – St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (EF)**  
Holy Mass, 9.30 am, Judy Colban

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**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, St Scholastica, Virgin (OF, EF)**  
Holy Mass, 9.30 am Tony Grogen

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**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, Our Lady of Lourdes (OF, EF)**  
Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form) John Whitehead

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**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February, Feria (OF) – The Seven Holy Founders of the Order of Servants of Our Lady (EF)**  
Holy Mass, 9.30 am Mary Boak RIP  
**NB: Holy Hour & Confessions cancelled this week only**

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**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, Feria (OF, EF)**  
Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form) Anton Moody

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**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February, St Cyril, Monk, & St Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe (OF) – Our Lady on Saturday (EF)**  
Holy Mass, 9.30 am John Rixon  
Holy Hour & Confessions, 10.00 - 11.00 am, Benediction, 11.00 am

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**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February, Vigil of Sunday**  
Confessions, 5.15 pm Michael Delapp RIP  
Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

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**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February, The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (OF) – Quinquagesima (EF)**  
Holy Mass, 8.00 am The People of the Parish  
Solemn Mass, 10.30 am Rina & Angiolino Stellardi RIP  
Holy Mass, 12.00 noon (Extraord. Form) Joy Smith RIP

**Father John writes:**

**This Weekend: The Bishop's Visitation**

This weekend, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> February, Bishop Richard Walker, Auxiliary Bishop for Oxfordshire, will be conducting the periodic Visitation of the parish. Bishop Richard would like to meet as many parishioners as possible after each of the weekend Masses. Do please introduce yourselves to him.

**Mrs Mary Ward RIP**

Our dear Mary, loved by all who knew her, died peacefully at the JR last Saturday morning. She received the last Sacraments of the Church the previous afternoon. The date of the funeral arrangements will be announced, but it won't be for some weeks. Please pray for the repose of her brave soul.

**Advance Notice: Second Collections**

- Pro-Life: 15<sup>th</sup> February
- Good Counsel Network: 22<sup>nd</sup> February
- CAFOD: 1<sup>st</sup> March
- Cathedral Maintenance: 8<sup>th</sup> March

**Advance Notice: Consecration to Our Lady**

Once again, I encourage you to consider consecrating yourself to Our Lady, in the words of St Louis-Marie de Montfort, on the feast of the Annunciation. The 33-Day preparation for the Consecration begins on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February. I shall give an introductory talk in the Glass Room at **7 pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February**. In the narthex you will find the CTS booklet, *33 Day Consecration to Jesus through Mary*, by John Pridmore and Niall Slattery, with prayers and readings, price £4.95.

**This Thursday: Winter social for seniors**

This Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup>, from 11 am to 2.30 pm, there will be a winter social for seniors at St Michael's Church, Summertown. There will be crafts, music, singing, a quiz, and lunch, organized by some of the churches in North Oxford. For more information, or to arrange a lift, contact Sonja 07802 667865. [sonjawoodman@me.com](mailto:sonjawoodman@me.com).

**Gift-aided donations**

Donations in January via cash and Dona (the Digital Plate) were as follows: Non-Gift Aid: £2320; Gift Aid via GA envelopes and the digital plate: £1937. (Donations made by regular standing order are not included.). Donations made by those registered for GA are swelled by 25% by the Government at no cost to the donor. Anyone who would like advice on making a GA declaration or setting up a regular GA standing order is welcome to contact the Treasurer, Captain Mike Sauvage, on 07711578803 or [mike.sauvage@wadham.ox.ac.uk](mailto:mike.sauvage@wadham.ox.ac.uk). Not everyone qualifies for GA (UK taxpayers normally do), but even if non-GA donations of cash or via the digital plate were increased, the benefit to the parish would be significant.

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: London Training**

There will be a Level 1 training course in London, 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026. CGS uses principles drawn from Montessori education to help children develop a deep and authentic relationship with God. Its setting is a sacred space called an

'atrium' and uses practical materials to assist the child and adult to listen to the Word of God and understand the Church's liturgy together. When St John Paul II visited an atrium in Rome, he reportedly said, 'That is the most beautiful homily I have ever witnessed.' Whether for the parish or at home, this formation is for all the family. For further information on this course or others, email:

[cgs-training@volleyball.org.uk](mailto:cgs-training@volleyball.org.uk)

**Pro-life charity**

The St Francis de Sales Charitable Trust provides funds for UK Catholic/pro-life causes, according to need and proximity to Oxford. Individuals and organizations who may struggle to find alternative funding can easily apply for grants. Previous grantees include the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, March for Life UK, and disadvantaged individuals. Unsure where to give? We can make your donation go where most needed. Contact Ed Smith via [info@sfs.org.uk](mailto:info@sfs.org.uk) or [sfs.org.uk](http://sfs.org.uk)

**Safeguarding: Existing parish volunteers**

If you volunteer in the parish in any capacity, for example, arranging flowers, making coffee, counting the collection, serving at Mass etc, please pick up a copy of the volunteer form at the back of church and return the completed form to the Presbytery in an envelope, marked 'Volunteer form for the attention of the Parish Safeguarding Representative'. We would be grateful if this could be done as soon as possible.

**Food Larder: - Please keep on giving!**

Thank you to those who have responded to the appeal to widen and renew the parish effort to support those locally who are less fortunate than ourselves, facing the difficult choice between heating or eating as the freezing temperatures continue. Great thanks to all those who already contribute items each week. Please donate dry goods and toiletries using the boxes in the narthex and Presbytery porch. Every tin or packet makes a difference.

**Please pray for all persecuted Christians.**

**Please pray for the protection of the Jewish people in this country. 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 Mary Ward, who died recently, and for Betty Merville Mary Brown, Forentina Iampieri di Gennaro, Mary Martin, Maria Luisa Montes-Friera, Emilia Satkoewska, and Zofia Skarbek-Kruszewska, 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.stgregory-and-augustine.Oxford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stgregory-and-augustine.Oxford@rcaob.org.uk). For further information please click on <https://www.ssgregoryandaugustine.org/safeguarding>

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