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*Te splendor et virtus Patris,
Te vita, Jesu, cordium,
Ab ore qui pendent tuo,
Laudamus inter angelos.*



O Jesu, life-spring of the soul!
The Father's power and glory bright!
Thee with the angels we extol,
From thee they draw their life and light.

Services for the Twenty-sixth Week of Ordinary Time (OF) – 16th after Pentecost (EF)
28th September – 4th October 2025
September – The Month of the Holy Angels
October – The Month of Our Lady of the Rosary

Saturday 27th September, St Vincent de Paul, Priest & Confessor (OF) – Ember Saturday (EF)

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

Fr Paul Johnson RIP

Saturday 27th September, Vigil of Sunday

Confessions, 5.15 pm
Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

Vincent O'Key

Sunday 28th September, Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (OF) – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (EF)

Holy Mass, 8.00 am
Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

The People of the Parish
Filip (with thanks)

Monday 29th September, SS. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels (OF) – Dedication of St Michael, Archangel (EF)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Thanksgiving

Tuesday 30th September, St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church (OF, EF)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Margaret Grubiak

Wednesday 1st October, St Thérèse of the Holy Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church (OF) – Feria (EF)

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Gregory Merena RIP

Thursday 2nd October, The Holy Guardian Angels (OF, EF) – 1st Thursday (Jesus the Priest)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am
Holy Mass, 12 noon (Extraord. Form)
Holy Hour & Confessions, 4.00 – 5.00 pm, Benediction, 5 pm

Peter Kelly
The priests of the deanery

Friday 3rd October, St Thomas Cantilupe, Bishop & Confessor (OF) – St Thérèse of the Holy Child Jesus, Virgin (EF) – 1st Friday (The Sacred Heart of Jesus)

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

The Tomko Family

Saturday 4th October, St Francis of Assisi, Confessor (OF, EF) – 1st Saturday (The Immaculate Heart of Mary)

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

The Herbert Family

Saturday 4th October, Vigil of Sunday

Confessions, 5.15 pm
Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

Dearbhla Ni Riordain

Sunday 5th October, Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (OF) – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (EF)

Holy Mass, 8.00 am
Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

Oliver Murray
The People of the Parish

Father John writes:

This Weekend: Talks for Cafod

This weekend, at the end of all the Sunday Masses, Thomas Charles-Edwards will speak to us about the work of Cafod and the special theme of this year's Cafod Family Fast Day collection. The Fast Day is **Friday 3rd October**.

Next weekend: Cafod Family Fast Day Collection

Advance Notice: Second Collection

19th October: APF World Missions

This Tuesday: Coffee after 9.30 Mass - all welcome

September: The Month of the Holy Angels

Do please teach your children the Prayer to the Guardian Angel: **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.**

October - The Month of the Holy Rosary

- Please sign up for membership of the Confraternity of the Rosary, which was established many decades ago in this parish. Explanatory leaflets and the membership book are available in the narthex.
- Try to pray the Rosary, at least one decade, every day as a family, or for the family on your own, remembering the words of Fr Patrick Peyton: **The family that prays together stays together.**
- The Marian altar frontal will be in place throughout Our Lady's month of October.
- There will be Rosary and Benediction at 5 pm on Sunday 19th October.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Please email me if you would like your children to make their First Holy Communion, and/or be confirmed, in the summer term of 2026.

The Assisted Suicide Bill Debate in the Lords

Right to life has made this statement about the recent debate on the Leadbeater Bill in the House of Lords: **In a significant win for opponents of the Assisted Suicide Bill, the House of Lords has approved the establishment of a dedicated select committee to further scrutinize the Bill's proposals, with the commencement of the Bill's formal Committee Stage being delayed until the select committee has reported.** Another encouraging fact: 67% of the peers who spoke in last Friday's debate were against the Bill.

40 Days for Life: Mid-Campaign Event

40 Days for Life is an international campaign to end abortion, currently offering an alternative to women seeking it in Headington from 24th September-2nd November. We invite you to attend the Mid-Campaign Event, with Isobel Vaughan-

Spruce and a ceiligh, at the Catholic Chaplaincy, Rose Place, at 7:30pm on the 17th October.

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.

Food Larder

Great thanks 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. **Toiletry items are always needed.**

Catholic Safeguarding Survey

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) are undertaking a thematic inspection of survivor engagement and support, and the Archdiocese of Birmingham has been chosen as one of the Dioceses to be involved in this project. Further details can be found at <https://www.ssgregoryandaugustine.org/safeguarding>

Please pray for all persecuted Christians.

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

Sick List

We are required to check once a year that we can continue to publish the names in our list of prayers for those who are sick. We already have written consent forms for all the names published. If you would like your name (or that of a relative) to continue to appear in the list, please confirm simply by speaking to Fr John or sending an e-mail.

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, Peter Howell, Aneta Gawrysiak, Joyann Green, Sr. Joseph Andrew OP, Jill Kelly, Emily Long, Elsie Michaud, Fiona McLaren, Alice Murphy, Joy Smith, Anthea Watson, Dennis White, and Fr Michael White.

Please pray for the faithful departed

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed, especially Francis John Beard, Michael Cuthbert Hall, Bridget Murphy, Povilas Remeike, Queenie Scicluna, and Pascuala Victor, 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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