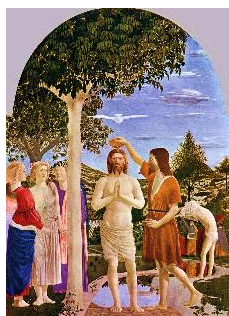


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*Et ecce vox de caelis dicens:
 Hic est Filius meus dilectus,
 in quo mihi complacui.*

*And behold a voice from Heaven saying:
 This is my beloved Son,
 in whom I am well pleased.*

Matthew 3: 17

*Services for the First Week of Ordinary Time
 12th – 18th January 2025
 January – The Month of the Most Holy Name of Jesus*

Saturday 11th January, Vigil of Sunday Confessions , 5.15 – 5.45 pm Holy Mass, 6.00 pm	The People of the Parish
Sunday 12th January, The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (OF) – The Holy Family (EF) Holy Mass, 8.00 am Solemn Mass, 10.30 am	Stephanie Ingram Rina & Angiolino Stellardi RIP
Monday 13th January, St Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (OF) – The Baptism of Our Lord (EF) Holy Mass, 9.30 am	Alistair Foster
Tuesday 14th January, Feria (OF) – St Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (EF) Holy Mass, 9.30 am	Holy Souls (Deceased of Friends of Suffering Souls)
Wednesday 15th January, Feria (OF) – St Paul the First Hermit (EF) Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)	Monsignor Graham Leonard RIP
Thursday 16th January, Feria (OF) – St Marcellus I, Pope & Martyr (EF) Holy Mass, 9.30 am Holy Hour, 4 – 5.00 pm, Confessions , 4.15 – 5 pm, Benediction, 5.00 pm	Christmas Intentions
Friday 17th January, St Anthony, Abbot (OF, EF) Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)	Private Intention
Saturday 18th January, Our Lady on Saturday (OF, EF) Holy Mass, 9.30 am Holy Hour & Confessions , 10.00 - 11.00 am, Benediction, 11.00 am	Michael Schützer-Weissman RIP
Saturday 18th January, Vigil of Sunday Confessions , 5.15 - 5.45 pm Holy Mass, 6.00 pm	Nuala O’Riordan RIP
Sunday 19th January, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (OF) – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany (EF) Holy Mass, 8.00 am Solemn Mass, 10.30 am Holy Mass, 12 noon (Extraord. Form)	Eileen Healy RIP Christmas Intentions The People of the Parish

Father John writes:

This Sunday:

Second Collection - White Flower Appeal (SPUC)

Epiphany Blessed Chalk

Please take a piece of blessed chalk. We use the chalk for blessing our homes and writing the following above the front door: **20 + C + B + M + 25**. The letters C, B, M stand for the names of the three Holy Magi (SS. Caspar, Balthasar, and Melchior), but also for a prayer, ***Christus benedicat mansionem***, 'May Christ bless this house', which we should say as we inscribe the numbers and letters.

Epiphany Blessing of Homes

Please let me know if you would like your home to receive the special priestly Epiphanytide blessing in the next few weeks (before Candlemas). **NB: The blessing can only be given between now and 2nd February, so Book Now To Avoid Disappointment!**

Advance Notice – Second Collections

- *Crib Offerings – Aid to the Church in Need*
- *19th January – Good Counsel Network*
- *26th January – Right to Life*
- *2nd February - Life*

The Forty Days of Christmastide

Please remember that Christmastide lasts not just for twelve days, up to the Epiphany and Baptism of Our Lord, but traditionally all the way to Candlemas on 2nd February. As the carol says, 'Make we mirth for Christ's birth, and ***sing we Yule till Candlemas***'. We shall keep the Crib up, as they do in Rome and at Westminster Cathedral, till then. **So please remember to pray to the Divine Infant Jesus at the Crib throughout this holy season of forty days.**

We are blessed to have a relic of the Manger, which will be exposed for veneration as part of the Crib. A more complete relic of the Manger is preserved at the basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome.

Breaking News: Assisted Suicide Bill – Committee Calls for Evidence

The House of Commons committee reviewing the Leadbeater assisted suicide bill has at last issued a call for evidence. Care Not Killing, the organization expressly founded to oppose assisted suicide and euthanasia, is urging us to submit evidence, especially if we are able to speak from experience as a doctor, nurse, lawyer, carer (past or present), or disabled person. Check out this link for more information:

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

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 George Wilfrid Caldwell and Terence Headd, 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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