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*Collaudamus venerantes
omnes caeli milites,
sed praecipue primatem
caelestis exercitus:
Michael, in virtute
conterentem zabulum.*



Thus we praise with veneration
all the armies of the sky,
chiefly him, the warrior primate
of celestial chivalry,
Michael, who in princely virtue
cast Abaddon from on high.

Services for the Twenty-sixth week of Ordinary Time (OF) – 19th after Pentecost (EF)

29th September – 5th October 2024

September – The Month of the Holy Angels

October – The Month of Our Lady of the Rosary

Saturday 28th September, Vigil of Sunday

Confessions, 5.15 – 5.45 pm

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

Denis O’Riordan RIP

Sunday 29th September, Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (OF) – Dedication of St Michael, Archangel (EF)

Holy Mass, 8.00 am

Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

The Ulland family

The People of the Parish

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

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Ben Long

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

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Thérèse Kelly

Wednesday 2nd October, The Holy Guardian Angels (OF, EF)

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Joseph & Farzana

Thursday 3rd October, St Thomas Cantilupe, Bishop & Confessor (OF) - St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin (EF)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

John & Hannah Chegwyn

First Thursday EF Mass, Holy Hour and Confessions cancelled today only

Friday 4th October, St Francis of Assisi, Confessor (OF, EF) - First Friday (The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus)

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Diane Mackenzie RIP

Saturday 5th October, St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin (OF) – First Saturday (The Immaculate Heart of Mary)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Catherine McKeown

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

Saturday 5th October, Vigil of Sunday

Confessions, 5.15 - 5.45 pm

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

Jennifer Anderson

Sunday 6th October, Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (OF) – 20th Sunday after Pentecost (EF)

Holy Mass, 8.00 am

The People of the Parish

Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

The Woo family (J.J., Debbie, Harvey)

Father John writes:

Advance Notice: Second Collection

6th October: CAFOD Harvest Fast

October - The Month of the Holy Rosary

- Please sign up for membership of the ancient 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.

40 Days for Life

Please support *40 Days for Life*, the annual witness to the Gospel of Life. It began on 25th September and concludes on 3rd November. There will be a vigil of prayer outside St Anthony's Catholic Church, at the entrance to the campus of the John Radcliffe Hospital, from 7 am to 7 pm every day throughout the 40 days. The local contact is Nikolaj Tomczynski: 0740 298 4818. Do take a free copy of *Vigil 40*, the magazine produced by this worldwide movement.

Important – Change to entrance to the car park

Please take great care when driving into the car park, as the re-siting of the bus lane has resulted in a very tight turn when approaching from the Wolvercote Roundabout end of the Woodstock Road. We are negotiating with the Council to widen the dropped kerb, but it is likely to take some time.

Opposing Assisted Suicide

News reports suggest that the Prime Minister is 'paving the way' for a parliamentary vote before Christmas on legalizing assisted suicide. Please email our local MP, as a matter of urgency, to register your opposition to this great evil: layla.moran.mp@parliament.uk You'll find information and good arguments to present at <https://righttolife.org.uk/knowledgebase/assisted-suicide-and-euthanasia> At 7.30 pm on Tuesday 29th October, in the Novotel Reading Centre (RG1 1DP), Dr Dominic Whitehouse, a palliative care specialist, will deliver a lecture on 'Assisted Suicide: Should the Law Be Changed?' He will explain why changing the law would be harmful to patients, doctors, and society. If you would like to attend, please register at: www.spuc.org.uk/assisted-suicide-lectures

First Holy Communion 2025

Please let me know if you would like your children to make their First Holy Communion next May or June.

Praying for the Sick by Name: The Annual Check

We are obliged by law to check once a year that we can publish the names of the sick in the newsletter. If you would like your name (or that of a relative) to continue to appear in the list, please confirm by simply telling me or by sending me an e-mail.

Confessions: Now is the Time!

People come to Confessions in large numbers during Advent and Lent, but then the numbers drop off. This is puzzling: Do we only commit sins twice a year? I don't think so. We all have a daily struggle. **I encourage you therefore to consider making your Confession once a month throughout the year, and to prepare remotely for Confession by briefly examining your conscience every evening.** Please note the times for Confession in the weekly schedule. If none of these times is convenient, you can always make an appointment, and of course there are Confessions every day at our mother church, the Oratory church of St Aloysius.

The Food Larder

Thank you to all those contributing items each week. Please continue to donate dry goods, and toiletries, using the boxes in the narthex and Presbytery porch. New contributors are always welcome! Just one item each week makes a difference.

Please pray for all persecuted Christians throughout the world.

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, Anne-Marie, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Jane Brownson, Ela Bulewicz, Olive Clarke, Paul Conway, 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, Jill Pinnock, Fr Andrew Pinsent, Angela Prendergast, Catherine Scott-Yeomans, Joy Smith, Malcolm Spicer, Matthew Spicer, Evelyn Watkin, 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 Francis John Beard, Thomas Christopher Collins, Dorothy (Judy) Lady Gretton, Michael Cuthbert Hall, Michael Patrick Kennedy, Bridget Murphy, Pavilas Remeik, Queenie Scicluna, Margaret Taylor, Gabriel Tolkien, and Pascuala Victor, 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>