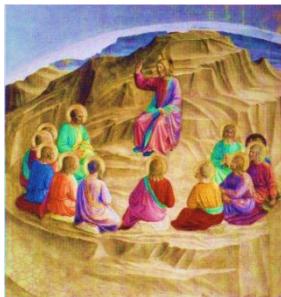


*Beati pauperes spiritu:
quoniam ipsorum
est regnum caelorum.*



**Blessed are the poor in spirit:
for theirs
is the Kingdom of Heaven.**
Matthew 5: 3

Services for the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time (OF) – The Week of Septuagesima (EF)
1st – 7th February 2026
February – The Month of the Holy Family

Saturday 31st January, St John Bosco, Priest & Confessor (OF, EF)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

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

Family thanksgiving

Saturday 31st January, Vigil of Sunday

Confessions, 5.15 pm

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

Reinhard Bonke RIP

Sunday 1st February, The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (OF) – Septuagesima (EF)

Holy Mass, 8.00 am

Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

The People of the Parish

Helena & Michael

Monday 2nd February, The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord (OF) – The Purification of Our Lady (EF) - Candlemas
Holy Mass, 9.30 am, with the Blessing of Candles

Ron & Fiona

Tuesday 3rd February, St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr (OF, EF)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am, followed by the Blessing of Throats

Alistair Foster RIP

Wednesday 4th February, Feria (OF) – St Andrew Corsini, Bishop & Confessor (EF)

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Martha Stewart

Thursday 5th February, St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr (OF, EF) - First Thursday (Jesus, Eternal High Priest)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Joyann's parents RIP

Holy Mass, 12.00 noon (Extraord. Form)

Ron Silvester RIP

Holy Hour & Confessions, 4.00 - 5.00 pm, Benediction, 5.00 pm

Friday 6th February, St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs (OF) – St Titus, Bishop & Confessor (EF)
- First Friday (Most Sacred Heart of Jesus)

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Sonja & Family

Saturday 7th February, Our Lady on Saturday (OF) – St Romuald, Abbot (EF) - Saturday (Immaculate Heart of Mary)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Andrea Bocelli

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

Saturday 7th February, Vigil of Sunday – The Visitation of Bishop Richard Walker

Confessions, 5.15 pm

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

Fr Simon Bishop SJ, RIP

Sunday 8th February, The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (OF) – Sexagesima – The Visitation of Bishop Richard Walker

Holy Mass, 8.00 am

The People of the Parish

Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

Vincent & Theresa

Father John writes:

Belated but heartfelt thanks

As I'm always saying, Christmastide lasts for forty days, so on the thirty-ninth day of Christmas, let me, at last, thank you for your many Christmas cards, gifts, and good wishes.

Advance Notice: Second Collections

- Pro-Life: 15th February
- CAFOD: 1st March
- Cathedral Maintenance: 8th 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 20th February. I shall give an introductory talk in the Glass Room at **7 pm on Thursday 19th 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 for the 33 days. Price £4.95.

Crib Offerings – Aid to the Church in Need

Greater Christmastide ends on Monday. Please be generous in your final crib donations in support of ACN's work in supporting the poor and persecuted Church in the Middle East and throughout the world.

Next Weekend: The Bishop's Visitation

Next weekend **7th/8th February** Bishop Richard Walker, Auxiliary Bishop responsible 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 Bishop Richard.

Advance Notice: Mass of the Holy Face

There will be a Mass of the Holy Face of Jesus, in the Extraordinary Form, on Shrove Tuesday, **17th February**.

The Assisted Suicide Bill: Latest News

Breaking news: The bill's chief supporter in the Lords, Lord Falconor, is attempting, ruthlessly and unconstitutionally, to invoke the Parliament Act against the bill's opponents.

Retrouvaille: Help for married couples

Retrouvaille helps marriages. It brings hope and healing to relationships. It offers you the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in Christian marriage. Next programme starts **12th February 2026**. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

Donate in memory of Paul

His many friends in Summertown are trying to raise funds for the funeral of Paul, our local *Big Issue* seller, who died suddenly at the beginning of the month. You can donate using the QR code on the poster in the narthex.

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 Edith Boak, Ronald Francis Aloysius Busby, Richard James Cairns, John d'Souza, Maureen Anne McLoughlin, Ellen Morris, Mary Morris, Teresa Murphy, Zorka Sedlacek, Avril Elizabeth Sharich, David Christopher Smith, and Monica Wagstaff, 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-staugustine.Oxford@rcaob.org.uk. For further information please click on <https://www.ssgregoryandaugustine.org/safeguarding>