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*Ait illi Jesus:
 Rursum scriptum est,
 Non tentabis Dominum
 Deum tuum.*



Jesus said to him:
 It is written again,
 Thou shalt not tempt the Lord
 thy God

*Services for the Second Week of Lent
 9th – 15th March 2025
 March – The Month of St Joseph*

Saturday 8th March, Vigil of Sunday Confessions, 5.15 – 5.45 pm Holy Mass, 6.00 pm	The People of the Parish
Sunday 9th March, The 1st Sunday in Lent (OF, EF) Holy Mass, 8.00 am Solemn Mass, 10.30 am Stations of the Cross & Benediction, 5.00 pm	Michael McLoughlin RIP Joy
Monday 10th March, Lenten Feria (OF, EF) Holy Mass, 9.30 am	Maureen Sheehan RIP
Tuesday 11th March, Lenten Feria (OF, EF) Holy Mass, 9.30 am	Pope Francis
Wednesday 12th March, Lenten Feria (OF) – Ember Day (EF) – St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor, Parish Patron (EF) Holy Mass of St Gregory, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form) Confessions, 7.30 – 8.00 pm (Fr Joe Evans, English, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian)	Ron Silvester RIP
Thursday 13th March, Lenten Feria (OF, EF) Holy Mass, 9.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 10.00 am – 5.00 pm Confessions, 4.15 – 5.00 pm, Benediction, 5.00 pm Confessions, 8.00 – 8.30 pm (Fr Jack)	Michael Chegwyn
Friday 14th March, Lenten Feria (OF, EF) – Ember Day Holy Mass, 9.30 am, followed by Stations of the Cross Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form), Confessions, 7.00 – 7.30 pm	James Campbell RIP Fr Charles Smith RIP
Saturday 15th March, Lenten Feria (OF, EF) – Ember Day Holy Mass, 9.30 am Holy Hour & Confessions, 10.00 - 11.00 am, Benediction, 11.00 am	Fr John Nightingale RIP
Saturday 15th March, Vigil of Sunday Confessions, 5.15 - 5.45 pm Holy Mass, 6.00 pm	Fr Dominic Innamorati RIP
Sunday 16th March, The 2nd Sunday in Lent (OF, EF) Holy Mass, 8.00 am Solemn Mass, 10.30 am Holy Mass, 12.00 noon (Extraord. Form) Stations of the Cross & Benediction, 5.15 pm (NB: later time)	The People of the Parish Peggy & Family François & Chantal Le Conte

Father John writes:

Advance Notice: Second Collections

- Family Fast Day (16th March)
- Collection for Walsingham (23rd March)

Lent - Time for Confession

Please check the times for Confession in this week's schedule of Masses and services. **There are Confessions every day from Wednesday to Saturday this week.**

Every Catholic has the obligation to go to Confession at least once a year. The best time to fulfil the obligation is Lent. Please note the times with visiting priests (Fr Jack and Fr Joe).

This Sunday: Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are summed up in these words:

*Jesus, who for love of me,
Didst bear thy Cross to Calvary,
In thy mercy grant to me
To suffer and to die for thee.*

Through the traditional Stations of St Alphonsus Liguori, we are moved to take up our cross for the love of Jesus Crucified. **Please join us for these devotions at 5 pm this Sunday and every Sunday in Lent, as well as on Friday mornings, and offer them up for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East.** Alternatively, you can follow our own Stations of the Cross online at <https://www.ssgregoryandaugustine.org/stations-of-the-cross>

Lenten Fasting & Almsgiving

As part of your Lenten fasting and almsgiving, please contribute to the Food Bank boxes (for the Cutteslowe Community Larder) in the narthex or Presbytery porch. Donations must be dry goods only. Why not bring a couple of items with you to Mass on Sundays? Our parish Lenten alms will once again be given to Aid to the Church in Need for its work in the Middle East and Ukraine.

This Thursday: A Day of Eucharistic Adoration

Last week there was an excellent response to the appeal for people to sign up for a holy half-hour or hour during our day of Adoration. Please do the same this week. Best practice is to have **two people in church at the same time**. Remember the noble words of Pope St John Paul II: **The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic Adoration. Jesus awaits us in this Sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to meet Him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and in openness to making amends for the serious offences and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease!**

Help with Candles and Other Expenses

- A box of candles for Exposition - **£50**
- New Holy oil stock - **£330 (urgently needed)**
- A new vestment for Easter Sunday - **£827**

Gift Aid

The Parish can reclaim income tax at 25% on donations for which UK taxpayers have made an appropriate Gift Aid Declaration (GAD). Eligible donations made through the Digital Plate in the Narthex can be Gift Aided (the option to Gift Aid will be displayed in the donation process) and, once made, any further eligible payments made through the Digital Plate using the same card will automatically be Gift Aided. The white envelopes in the narthex enable this to be done for single cash donations but regular cash donors are encouraged to make a 'permanent' declaration using the form approved by the diocese. Copies are available from the Treasurer, Captain Mike Sauvage (07711578803 and online at mike.sauvage@wadham.ox.ac.uk). Captain Sauvage is also happy to answer any Gift Aid or other financial queries relating to the parish.

Assisted Suicide Bill: Keep up the fight!

Do take copies of the briefing about the Leadbetter bill and the guidelines for those interested in lobbying the MP in person (our constitutional right). Please also sign and post the postcard to the prime minister calling on his government to fund palliative care properly.

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 Holiness Pope Francis, His Majesty The King, HRH The Princess of Wales, Patrick Curran, Anne-Marie, Maureen Dalton, Imogen Davies, David Drake, Mike Hall, Aneta Gawrysiak, Joyann Green, Sr. Joseph Andrew OP, Jill Kelly, Emily Long, Elsie Michaud, Fiona McLaren, Anne Morris, Alice Murphy, Angela Prendergast, 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 all the faithful departed, especially Mary Carole Ainsworth, Rev Arthur Bentley, Mary Agnes Daley, Rose Anne Maguire, Henry W. Morris, Eileen O'Sullivan, Rev Philip Prince, Nada Saban, and Lionel Oliver Simpson, 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.ssgregory-staugustine.Oxford@rcaob.org.uk. For further information please click on <https://www.ssgregoryandaugustine.org/safeguarding>

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