

*Jesus said:
 'I am the Resurrection and the Life;
 he who believes in me, though he die,
 yet shall he live,
 and whoever lives and believes in me
 shall never die.
 Do you believe this?'*



Giotto, The Raising of Lazarus, Scrovegni Chapel, Padua

*Martha said to Him:
 'Yes, Lord,
 I believe that you are the Christ,
 the Son of God,
 He who is coming
 into the world.'*

*Services for the 5th Week of Lent (OF, EF) -
 26th March – 1st April 2023*

March – The Month of St Joseph

Saturday 25th March, *The Vigil of Sunday*

Confessions, 5.15 – 5.45 pm
 Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

The People of the Parish

Sunday 26th March, *The 5th Sunday in Lent (OF, EF) - Passion Sunday (EF)*

Holy Mass, 8.00 am
 Sung Mass, 10.30 am
 Stations of the Cross & Benediction, 5 pm

Anna Faure
 Linda Zoumaya

Monday 27th March, *Lenten Feria (OF) – Feria of Passiontide (EF)*

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Walter Hooper RIP

Tuesday 28th March, *Lenten Feria (OF) - Feria of Passiontide (EF)*

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Sylvia Parkes RIP

Wednesday 29th March, *Lenten Feria (OF) - Feria of Passiontide (EF)*

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

The Rossi Family

Thursday 30th March, *Lenten Feria (OF) - Feria of Passiontide (EF)*

Holy Mass, 9.30 am
 Holy Hour & Confessions, 4.00 – 5.00 pm, Benediction, 5 pm

Charles Pinsent RIP

Friday 31st March, *Lenten Feria (OF) – The Seven Sorrows of Our Lady (EF)*

Holy Mass, 9.30 am, followed by Stations of the Cross
 Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Nuala O’Riordan RIP
 Gladys Rust RIP

Saturday 1st April, *Lenten Feria (OF) - Feria of Passiontide (EF)*

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

John Killilia RIP

Saturday 1st April, *The Vigil of Sunday*

Confessions, 5.15 – 5.45 pm
 Holy Mass with Blessing of Palms, 6.00 pm

Kitty Zoumaya RIP

Sunday 2nd April, *Palm Sunday (OF, EF)*

Holy Mass with Blessing of Palms, 8.00 am
 Sung Mass with Blessing of Palms & Procession, 10.30 am

The People of the Parish
 Joy

Father John writes:

This Weekend: Clocks spring forward by one hour at 1.00 am this Sunday, 26th March!

This Weekend: 2nd Collection for Easter Flowers

This Sunday: Stations of the Cross – Lenten Devotions

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 at 5 pm this Sunday for these devotions and offer them up for peace in Ukraine.**

There will also be Stations this Friday after the 9.30 am Mass. If you're not able to be in church for Stations, there is a link on our website – from the *Devotions* drop-down menu, click the *Stations of the Cross* option:

<https://www.ssgregoryandaugustine.org/>.

Pro-life intention for this Sunday (Right to Life UK)

Yesterday we celebrated the feast of the Annunciation, the day we commemorate when the Son of God took human nature upon Himself. Let us pray that all expectant mothers and fathers be given the grace of God and the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to be loving parents.

This Thursday: Lenten reading group

At 7.30 pm this Thursday, 2nd April, Fr Jack will lead the third and final meeting of the reading group studying the third volume of Joseph Ratzinger/Pope Benedict's trilogy, *Jesus of Nazareth*. Copies of the relevant pages of the book (this week the chapter on the Resurrection) will be available in the narthex for those signed up for the group.

Passiontide: Time for Confession

Please check the times for Confession in this week's schedule of Masses and services. ***Every Catholic has the solemn obligation to go to Confession at least once a year. The best time for this is Lent, especially Passiontide.***

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday: Holy Week begins

The Sacred Triduum

6th April, Maundy Thursday - 8 pm, The Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by watching at the Altar of Repose till Midnight.

7th April, Good Friday - 3 pm, The Solemn Liturgy of the Passion, with the reading of the Passion according to St John, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.

8th April, Holy Saturday - 8 pm, The Easter Vigil with the blessing of the Paschal Fire and Candle, the Procession and *Exsultet*, the Lessons, the Blessing of the Baptismal Water, the Renewal of Baptismal Promises, and the first Mass of Easter.

9th April, Easter Sunday – Mass times as usual.

Americans and Australians

It was a joy last week to welcome to the parish Bishop Edward Scharfenberger, Bishop of Albany, New York. Our preacher on Maundy Thursday evening will be Fr. Jeffrey Dole of the diocese of Dubuque, Iowa. In May our old friend Fr. Kevin Chalifoux of the diocese of

Burlington, Vermont, will be with us for a few days. Our Australian friends, Frs. Jack and Joe, will be assisting me during Holy Week.

Retreat Day for Catholic Mothers

Catholic Mothers Oxford is holding a retreat day for mothers at St Gregory's on Easter Saturday, 15th April. Join them for Mass, Confessions, adoration, talks, prayer, and a chance to meet other Mums over a bring-and-share lunch. Toys and play mats will be provided for babies. To reserve a place please contact Laura at catholicmothersoxford@gmail.com

Important reminder for parents

It has been brought to my attention that small children have been playing in the car park. Our small car park gets very full on Sundays, and as people leave after Mass it is a dangerous place. Don't forget that drivers cannot see small people who might be directly behind them as they reverse out of parking bays. We're very fortunate to have the open grassed area where it is safe for children to run around, and where parents can easily keep an eye on them.

Food Larder donations

Don't forget – just a couple of items are gratefully received. In addition to the basics such as pasta/tinned tomatoes/rice/cereal etc., you might like to give ingredients to add variety – pesto/jar of olives/honey, mayonnaise (in jars). Toiletries are also welcome.

Advance Notice: Second Collections

Good Friday - The Holy Places

23rd April - The Second Century Fund

30th April - The Clergy Training Fund

Collection Envelopes 2023-2024

The boxes of collection envelopes for the new financial year are in the Narthex.

Please pray for the sick and housebound

Anne-Marie, Jackie Ball, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Jane Brownson, Ela Bulewicz, Fr Paul Chavasse CO, Paul Conway, Filomeno Cota, Maureen Dalton, Carmen Dashwood-Evans, Nicky de Bono, Julian Foord, Joyann Green, Rhidian Jones, Sr. Joseph Andrew OP, Eugénie Kanza, Jill Kelly, Emily Long, Elsie Maria Michaud, Mohammad & Jane Masri, Anne Morris, Alice Murphy, Jill Pinnock, Fr Andrew Pinsent, Joy Smith, Fr Frank Sofie, Malcolm Spicer, Matthew Spicer, and Oscar Williams.

Please pray for the faithful departed

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially for Thomas James Glover, Martin Victor John Lloyd, Mgr Antoine Maloumy, Thomas Morris, Bridget O'Sullivan, Nora O'Sullivan, Santa Maria Peake, Brenda Agnes Steele, and Marie Riccardi, who have anniversaries at this time.

**+ Requiem aeternam dona eis,
Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.**

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