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*Despectum,
 et novissimum virorum,
 virum dolorum,
 et scientem infirmitatem,
 et quasi absconditus vultus ejus
 et despectus,
 unde nec reputavimus eum.*



Here is one despised,
 left out of all human reckoning,
 bowed with misery,
 and no stranger to weakness.
 How should we recognize that face?
 How should we take any account of Him,
 a man so despised?
 Isaiah 53: 3 (R.A. Knox)
 Fra Angelico, The Mocking of Christ

Holy Week: 29th March – 4th April 2026
March: The Month of St Joseph - April: The Month of Christ Crucified and Risen

Saturday 28th March, Lenten Feria (OF, EF)

Holy Hour & Confessions, 10.00 - 11.00 am, Benediction, 11.00 am
 Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

Sheila Jennings

Saturday 28th March, Vigil of Sunday

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

The People of the Parish

Sunday 29th March, Palm Sunday (OF, EF)

Holy Mass, 8.00 am, with Blessing of Palms
 Solemn Mass, 10.30 am, with Blessing of Palms and Procession

The Gawrysiak family
 Thomas & Kathleen McLoughlin RIP

Monday 30th March, Monday of Holy Week

Holy Mass, 9.30 am
 Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form), Confessions to 7.30 pm (visiting priest)

Peter Madziara
 Imogen Davies

Tuesday 31st March, Tuesday of Holy Week

Holy Mass, 9.30 am, then Confessions to 10.30 am (visiting priest)
 Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form), Confessions, 8.15 - 8.45pm

Lizzie Masterson
 Philip

Wednesday 1st April, Wednesday of Holy Week

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form), then Confessions to 7.30 pm

Pope Leo, Catholic Priests & Religious

Thursday 2nd April, Maundy Thursday

Confessions, 10.30 - 11.00 am

The Solemn Paschal Triduum

Thursday 2nd April, Maundy Thursday

Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper, 8.00 pm
 Adoration at the Altar of Repose to midnight, Compline, 11.45 pm

Joy RIP & Joyann

Friday 3rd April, Good Friday – Day of Fasting & Abstinence – 1st Day of Divine Mercy Novena

Confessions, 10.30 – 11.00 am
 Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion, 3.00 pm, then Confessions
 Stations of the Cross, 8.00 pm

Saturday 4th April, Holy Saturday - 2nd Day of the Divine Mercy Novena

Confessions, 10.30 – 11.00 am

Saturday 4th April, The Vigil of Easter

The Easter Vigil, 8.00 pm

The People of the Parish

Sunday 5th April, Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Holy Mass, 8.00 am
 Solemn Mass, 10.30 am
 Holy Mass, 12.15 pm (Extraord. Form) *NB: Later time*

Rose Maguire RIP
 Eugénie & Thomas Kanza RIP
 Mary Ward RIP

Father John writes:

DON'T FORGET!

Clocks jump forward one hour this Saturday, 28th March, in time for Palm Sunday!

Good Friday Second Collection: The Holy Places

The purpose of this annual collection is not only to maintain the great churches built on the historical sites of Our Lord's Birth, Death, and Resurrection, but also to support the suffering Christians of the Holy Land. Our Lenten alms will be given to Aid to the Church in Need for a similar purpose, viz. to help the Church suffering in Ukraine, northern Nigeria, Congo, and throughout the Middle East.

Holy Week – Re-living the Mysteries of Jesus

To understand what Holy Mother Church does in the Sacred Liturgy of Holy Week, and indeed throughout the Liturgical Year, please reflect on these words of Blessed Columba Marmion: 'Guided by the Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of Jesus Himself, the Church unfolds before the eyes of her children, every year from Christmas to the Ascension, the complete cycle of Christ's mysteries, sometimes greatly abridged, sometimes in their exact chronological order, as during Holy Week and Paschal time. She thus makes each mystery of her Divine Bridegroom to be lived over again by an animated living representation; she makes us pass through each phase of His life. If we let ourselves be guided by her, we shall infallibly come to know the mysteries of Jesus and above all enter into the thoughts and feelings of His Divine Heart.'

Confessions in Holy Week

Let's make sure we get to Confession before Easter Sunday. The power to absolve sinners in this Sacrament is the great gift of the Risen Lord to His Apostles: 'If you forgive the sins of any', He said on the evening of the first Easter Sunday, 'they are forgiven' (John 20: 23).

Good Friday - Fasting and Abstinence

All of us from the age of 14 are obliged to abstain from meat on Good Friday, and those between the ages of 18 and 60 in good health are obliged to fast, that is, to reduce the amount they eat during the day, and in particular to have only one complete meal, the quantity of the rest of the food being less than one meal. All this we do for the love of Jesus Crucified, and in reparation for our sins.

The Divine Mercy Novena

The Novena of Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday, 3rd April, and concludes on the Saturday of Easter Week, 11th April. Leaflets with prayers can be found in the narthex.

Advance Notice: Catholic Mothers Retreat

Catholic Mothers Oxford are holding a retreat day at St Gregory's on Saturday 11th April 9.30 am - 4pm. Please message Laura on 07742834756 if you would like to reserve a place.

Advance Notice: May Procession, Sunday 10th May, 3 pm

Retrouvaille: Marriage support

Retrouvaille is a marriage ministry, run by Catholics, to support marriages in trouble. If you are open to trying again, Retrouvaille could be the solution. To find out more: www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

Updating the Parish List: Your contact details, please!

Our list of parishioners and people who attend Mass here is woefully out of date. Even if you've given them to me before, please send me an email with the names of all members of your family, your postal address, phone number, and preferred email address. This information will be protected and respected in accordance with data protection laws. Please use the parish email address: stgregorysrcchurch@gmail.com and identify the subject of the email as "Parish List".

Please pray for all persecuted Christians.

Please pray for the protection of the Jewish people.

Please pray for peace in Ukraine, the Middle East, Sudan, and Congo.

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 the repose of the souls of the faithful departed, especially Marthe Gerson, Martin Victor John Lloyd, Kathleen Mahoney, Monique Maloumy, Thomas Morris, Brenda Agnes Steele, and Dorothy Irene White, whose anniversaries fall at this time.

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

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Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Claire Harrington. She can be contacted at: sg.stgregory-staugustine.oxford@rcaob.org.uk.

Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

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