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*Conditor alme siderum,  
Aeterna lux credentium,  
Christe, redemptor omnium,  
Exaudi preces supplicum.*



Dear Maker of the starry skies,  
Light of believers evermore,  
Jesu, Redeemer of mankind.  
Be near us who thine aid implore.

*Services for the First Sunday of Advent (OF, EF)  
1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
December – The Month of Advent, the Immaculate Conception, and Christmas*

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**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, Vigil of Sunday**

**Confessions**, 5.15 – 5.45 pm  
Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

Eugénie Kanza RIP

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**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, The First Sunday of Advent (OF, EF)**

Holy Mass, 8.00 am  
Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

The People of the Parish  
Rose Goodstadt

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**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, Advent Feria (OF) – St Bibiana, Virgin & Martyr (EF)**

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

June Pollonais RIP

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**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, St Francis Xavier, Priest & Confessor (OF, EF)**

Holy Mass, 9.30 am  
Confessions, 8 pm (visiting priest)

Nate Siddle

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**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, St John Damascene, Doctor (OF) – St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor (EF)**

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Denis & Valerie Riches RIP

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**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, The Feast of St Birinus, Bishop & Confessor (OF, EF)**

Holy Mass, 9.30 am  
Holy Mass, 12 noon (Extraord. Form)  
Holy Hour, 4 – 5.00 pm, **Confessions**, 4.15 – 5 pm, Benediction, 5 pm

Stephanie Ingram  
Deceased priests of the deanery

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**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, St Nicholas, Bishop & Confessor (OF, EF)**

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Carlo RIP & family (living)

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**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor (OF, EF)**

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

Lyra Pitstick

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**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, Vigil of Sunday**

**Confessions**, 5.15 - 5.45 pm  
Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

Walter Hooper RIP

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**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December, The Second Sunday of Advent (OF, EF)**

Holy Mass, 8.00 am  
Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

The People of the Parish  
Victor & Marta (10<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

*Father John writes:*

***The Culture of Death: The struggle goes on***

As you will all know by now, the Assisted Suicide ('Assisted Dying') Bill was approved in the House of Commons on Friday. Catherine Robinson of Right to Life UK made this statement: **'Although the Bill has passed Second Reading, the vote was far closer than commentators originally predicted, and this is just the first stage of a long journey through the Commons, followed by the Lords, for this dangerous assisted suicide Bill before it becomes law. 'Speaking for her own organization, she said: 'We are now going to redouble our efforts to ensure we fight this Bill at every stage and ensure that it is defeated, to protect the most vulnerable.'** We, too, by prayer to Christ, the conqueror of death, and by witness in the public forum, must continue tirelessly to fight for the defence of God's precious gift of life and against this parliamentary charter of death.

***This Weekend: Second Collection for Poor Parishes of the Archdiocese***

***Advance Notice: High Mass of the Holy House***

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, at 6 pm, there will be a Traditional Latin High Mass for the feast of the Holy House of Loreto. On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Cardinal Burke's prayer for the nine-month Guadalupe Novena will be recited after Mass.

***Advance Notice: Christmas Masses***

**Christmas Eve**

Traditional Latin Low Mass, 6 pm  
Carols, 11.30 pm  
Solemn Midnight Mass, 12 Midnight

**Christmas Day**

Mass of the Dawn, 8 am  
Solemn Mass of Christmas Day, 10.30 am

**Any of these Masses will fulfil the obligation.**

***Advance Notice: Second Collection***

15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas flowers

***Confessions: Now is the Time!***

I encourage you to consider making your Confession once a month throughout the year, and to prepare for Confession by briefly examining your conscience every evening. **Please make sure you make your Confession before Christmas. There will be many additional times for Confessions before Christmas.**

***First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2025***

Our First Holy Communion Mass will take place in late Spring next year. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred in the parish by His Grace the Archbishop on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Please contact me if any of your children are of an age to receive one or both of these Sacraments.

***Advance Notice: Pilgrimage to Knock: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025***

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport. with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions, and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact **01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)**. (Poster in the narthex)

***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.

***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 Majesty The King, HRH The Princess of Wales, Patrick Curran, Anne-Marie, 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, Joy Smith, 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 Evelyn Watkin, who died recently, and Michael Spencer Best, Kathleen del Nevo, Rachel Glynn, Elaine Mary Griffiths, Walter Hooper, Elfriede Leitner, Domenica Macaro, Bruce Ronaldson, and Joan Tolkien, 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](mailto:sg.stgregory-staugustine.Oxford@rcaob.org.uk).

For further information please click on <https://www.ssgregoryandaugustine.org/safeguarding>

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