

*Nunc dimittis servum tuum,
 Domine,
 secundum verbum tuum in pace;
 quia viderunt oculi mei
 salutare tuum,
 quod parasti
 ante faciem omnium populorum,
 lumen ad revelationem
 gentium
 et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.*



Now thou dost dismiss thy servant,
 O Lord.
 according to thy word in peace;
 for my eyes have seen
 thy salvation,
 which thou hast prepared
 before the face of all peoples,
 a light to the revelation
 of the Gentiles
 and the glory of thy people Israel.

*Services for the Fourth Week of Ordinary Time
 2nd – 8th February 2025
 February – The Month of the Holy Family*

Saturday 1st February, Vigil of Sunday

Confessions, 5.15 – 5.45 pm

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

Deceased members of the Ryan. Long,
 & Stanbridge families

Sunday 2nd February, Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord (OF) – Purification of Our Lady (EF) - Candlemas

Holy Mass, with Candlemas ceremonies, 8.00 am

Solemn Mass with the Blessing and Procession of Candles, 10.30 am

The People of the Parish
 Ron and Fiona

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

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

George Armstrong RIP

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

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Emmanuela & John Earl RIP

Wednesday 5th February, St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr (OF, EF)

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Ron Silvester RIP

Thursday 6th February, St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs (OF) – St Titus, Bishop & Confessor (EF) – First Thursday (Jesus, Eternal High Priest)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Votive Mass of Jesus, Eternal High Priest, 12.00 noon (Extraord. Form)

Holy Hour, 4 – 5.00 pm, Confessions, 4.15 – 5 pm, Benediction, 5.00 pm

Private Intention (A)
 Dawn Harrington

Friday 7th February, Feria (OF) – St Romuald, Abbot (EF) - First Friday (The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus)

Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

The Beckett Family

Saturday 8th February, Our Lady on Saturday (OF) – St John of Matha, Confessor (EF)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

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

Rose Hellier

Saturday 8th February, Vigil of Sunday

Confessions, 5.15 - 5.45 pm

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

The People of the Parish

Sunday 9th February, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (OF) – 5th Sunday after the Epiphany (EF)

Holy Mass, 8.00 am

Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

Rosario, Carmela and Joseph RIP
 Michael McLoughlin RIP

Father John writes:

This Sunday: Second Collection – Life

Crib Offerings – Aid to the Church in Need

Greater Christmastide ends today. 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.

Advance Notice: Lenten Days of Adoration

I intend this Lent to return to our original practice of having a complete day of Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday. It will be a challenge for all of us to ensure that Our Lord always has worshippers throughout the day. As usual, the Adoration will end with Confessions and Traditional Latin Benediction. I'm sure this new venture, which for us is really old, will bring great blessings to our parish. 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!**

Advance Notice: Consecration to Our Lady

After the High Mass in the Extraordinary Form on Tuesday 25th March, there will be an opportunity to consecrate ourselves to Our Lady, using the words of St Louis-Marie de Montfort. Those who have already made the Consecration can renew it on this occasion. The 33-day preparation for the Consecration will begin on Thursday 20th February. I shall give a talk on Consecration on Thursday 13th February.

Reverence for the Blessed Sacrament:

When the bell rings

Every Sunday, immediately after the 10.30 Mass, Deacon James takes Holy Communion to the sick. He collects the Hosts from the Tabernacle and departs.

From this Sunday he will ring the bell as he enters the sanctuary. As a mark of reverence for the Blessed Sacrament, please kneel and keep silence when the bell rings.

Assisted Suicide Bill – Committee Calls for Evidence

Please keep up your prayers for the defeat of this evil Bill at its third reading on 25th April, and do submit evidence to the Commons committee reviewing the Bill, if you are able to speak from experience as a doctor, nurse,

lawyer, carer (past or present), or disabled person. Remember that the first government in modern times to introduce euthanasia was the National Socialist regime in Germany. Check out this link for more information:

<https://mailchi.mp/carenotkilling/act-fast-call-for-evidence-on-leadbeater-bill?e=e88d385a25>

The Catechism of the Catholic Church with admirable clarity restates the Church's perennial condemnation of suicide: Suicide contradicts the natural inclination of the human being to preserve and perpetuate his life. It is gravely contrary to the just love of self. It likewise offends love of neighbour because it unjustly breaks the ties of solidarity with family, nation, and other human societies to which we continue to have obligations. Suicide is contrary to love for the living God (n. 2281).

The Food Larder

Thank you to all those contributing items each week. Please continue to donate dry food stuffs and toiletries, using the boxes in the narthex and Presbytery porch. **Now that the weather is so bitterly cold, it is particularly important to help people who, even in North Oxford, may feel forced to choose between heating and eating.**

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 Edith Boak, Ronald Francis Aloysius Busby, Richard James Cairns, John d'Souza, Maureen Anne McLoughlin, Mary Morris, Teresa Murphy, Emilia Satkowska, Zorka Sedlacek, Avril Elizabeth Sharich, David Christopher Smith, and Monica Wagstaff, 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.

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

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