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*Altera die  
 videt Ioannes  
 Jesum venientem ad se,  
 et ait:  
 Ecce Agnus Dei  
 Qui tollit peccata mundi.*



The next day  
 John sees  
 Jesus coming to him,  
 and says:  
 Behold the Lamb of God,  
 who takes away the sins of the world.

John 1: 29

*Services for the Second Sunday of Advent (OF, EF)  
 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
 December – The Month of Advent, the Immaculate Conception, and Christmas*

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**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December, St Nicholas, Bishop & Confessor (OF, EF) - First Saturday (The Immaculate Heart of Mary)**  
 Holy Mass, 9.30 am  
 Holy Hour & **Confessions**, 10.00 - 11.00 am, Benediction, 11.00 am

Maire Pickett RIP

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**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December, Vigil of Sunday**  
**Confessions, 5.15 pm**  
 Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

Roderick Bleaney RIP

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**Sunday 7<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  
 Walter Hooper RIP

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**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December, The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady (OF, EF)**  
 Holy Mass, 9.30 am  
**Confessions, 5.15 – 5.45 pm (visiting priest)**  
 Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Joy RIP

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**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, Confessor (OF) – Advent Feria (EF)**  
 Holy Mass, 9.30 am  
**Confessions, 6.00 – 9.00 pm (visiting priest)**

Kathy Archer

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**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, Our Lady of Loreto (OF) – Advent Feria (EF)**  
**Confessions, 5.15 – 6.00 pm (visiting priest)**  
 High Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Fr Vincent Lucas RIP (20<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

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**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December, St Damasus I, Pope (OF, EF)**  
 Holy Mass, 9.30 am  
**NB: Holy Hour & Confessions cancelled this week only**  
**Reception of the body of Joy Smith, 5.00 pm**

Michael Schutzer-Weissmann RIP

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**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, Our Lady of Guadalupe (OF, EF)**  
**Requiem Mass for Joy, 11.30 am**  
 Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Joy Smith RIP  
 Leonor and Nuno Castel-Branco

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**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr (OF, EF)**  
 Holy Mass, 9.30 am  
 Holy Hour & **Confessions**, 10.00 - 11.00 am, Benediction, 11.00 am

Fr John (Ordination Anniversary)

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**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, Vigil of Sunday**  
**Confessions, 5.15 pm**  
 Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

The People of the Parish

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**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December, The Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday (OF, EF)**  
 Holy Mass, 8.00 am  
 Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

Bridie Hagan RIP  
 Fr John (First Mass Anniversary)

**Father John writes:**

**Monsignor Vaughan**

Our dear friend Monsignor Vaughan Morgan died peacefully, aged 94, fortified by the rites of Holy Mother Church, on Friday afternoon. May his courageous priestly soul rest in peace. Details of the funeral arrangements will be published in next week's newsletter.

***This Weekend: Second Collection for Poor Parishes Fund***

The parishes of Oxford are, relatively speaking, financially sound, but there are many other parishes in the Archdiocese of Birmingham that find it hard to make ends meet. This annual collection is an opportunity for supporting them.

***This Friday: Joy's Funeral Mass***

Joy's Funeral Mass will take place at 11.30 am on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The interment at Wolvercote cemetery will be just for the family. Joy's body will be received into church at 5 pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>. Please continue to pray for Joy's husband, Mick, her sister, Joyann, and her children and grandchildren.

***This Saturday: Fr Ian Ker Memorial Lecture at Littlemore***

In celebration of the proclamation of St John Henry Newman as Doctor of the Church, Fr George Bowen, C.O., of the London Oratory, will deliver the annual Fr Ian Ker lecture at Littlemore on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Full details can be found on the flyers in the narthex. Until his death in 2022, Fr Ian Ker, a priest of this deanery, was one of the world's leading authorities on the thought of Cardinal Newman.

***Advance Notice: Second Collections***

- 14<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Flowers
- 21<sup>st</sup> December: Second Century Fund

***Accommodation Wanted***

For January-July 2026 or some part thereof starting in January, for a professor of Catholic moral theology who will be on sabbatical at Campion Hall, along with his 16 year old daughter who will be studying in sixth form in Oxford. Please contact John Berkman at [john.berkman@utoronto.ca](mailto:john.berkman@utoronto.ca).

***Grants Available for Catholic and/or Pro-Life Causes***

The Trustees of the St Francis de Sales Charitable Trust are delighted to invite applications for grants towards Catholic and/or pro-life causes. We want to make it easy for you to apply for grants and have a total of around £1000 to distribute. For more information, visit [sfds.org.uk](http://sfds.org.uk). The deadline for grant applications is **midnight on Saturday 13th December 2025**.

***Assisted Suicide Bill in the Lords: Latest News***

Government whips had allotted just four days for a committee of the whole House to consider amendments to the iniquitous Leadbeater Bill, of which there are now more than a thousand. Many peers had questioned this decision, as bills with fewer amendments had needed longer, and a huge range of expert opinion confirms that the Bill's many flaws require serious attention. The Chief Whip this week announced ten extra days, carrying committee consideration through to late April (shortly before the end of the Parliamentary session).

***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 additional times for Confessions before Christmas.**

***Food Larder: A Fresh Appeal***

Thank you to those who have responded to the appeal to widen and renew the parish effort to support those locally who are less fortunate than ourselves, facing the difficult choice between heating or eating as the temperatures drop. Great thanks to all those who already contribute items each week. **Please** donate dry goods and toiletries using the boxes in the narthex and Presbytery porch. Every tin or packet makes a difference.

***Please pray for all persecuted Christians.***

***Please pray for the protection of the Jewish people in this country.***

***Please pray for peace in Ukraine, Gaza, and Israel.***

***Please pray for the sick and housebound***

His Majesty The King, HRH The Princess of Wales, Monsignor Vaughan Morgan, Patrick Curran, Anne-Marie, Maureen Dalton, Mike Hall, Peter Howell, Aneta Gawrysiak, Joyann Green, Sr. Joseph Andrew OP, Jill Kelly, Emily Long, Elsie Michaud, Fiona McLaren, Alice Murphy, Anthea Watson, Dennis White, and Fr Michael White.

***Please pray for the faithful departed***

Please pray for Monsignor Vaughan Morgan, Joy Smith, Paul and Alistair Foster, who died recently, and for George England, Brian Gimson, Rose Gray Haeffner, William Hall, Michael Henderson, Peter Edward Hodgson, Walter Hooper, Warlito Lapidez, and Fr Vincent Charles Lucas, whose anniversaries fall 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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