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*Transfiguratus est ante eos,  
et resplenduit facies ejus sicut sol,  
vestimenta autem ejus facta sunt  
alba sicut nix.*



He was transfigured before them,  
and His face did shine as the sun,  
and His garments became  
white as snow.

*Services for the Second Week of Lent  
16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025  
March – The Month of St Joseph*

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**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March, Vigil of Sunday**

**Confessions, 5.15 – 5.45 pm**

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

Fr Dominic Innamorati RIP

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**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March, The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent (OF, EF)**

Holy Mass, 8.00 am

Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

Holy Mass, 12.00 noon (Extraord. Form)

**Stations of the Cross & Benediction, 5.15 pm (NB: Later time than usual)**

The People of the Parish

Peggy & Family

François & Chantal Le Conte

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**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March, The Feast of St Patrick, Bishop & Patron of Ireland (OF) – Feria (EF)**

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Crispin Jenkinson

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**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (OF, EF)**

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Joyann Green

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**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, The Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (OF, EF)**

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

**NB: No Confessions with Fr Joe Evans this week**

Jean & Claude Cardiotti

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**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March, Lenten Feria (OF, EF)**

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 10.00 am – 5.00 pm**

**Confessions, 4.15 – 5.00 pm, Benediction, 5.00 pm**

**Confessions, 8.00 – 8.30 pm (Fr Jack)**

Betty Zepeda RIP

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**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March, Lenten Feria (OF) – St Benedict, Abbot & Patron of Europe (EF)**

**Holy Mass, 9.30 am, followed by Stations of the Cross**

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form), **Confessions, 7.00 – 7.30 pm**

Aneta & Family

Dermot McNamara RIP

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**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Lenten Feria (OF, EF)**

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

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

The sick, the dead, the suffering in the world

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**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Vigil of Sunday**

**Confessions, 5.15 - 5.45 pm**

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

John Moran RIP

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**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent (OF, EF)**

Holy Mass, 8.00 am

Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

**Stations of the Cross & Benediction, 5.00 pm (NB: Return to usual time)**

Jill & Martin

The People of the Parish

*Father John writes:*

***This Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - CaFOD (Family Fast)***

- Important: If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please use the special CaFOD envelopes.
- Donations made via the Digital Plate cannot be gift aided for this collection.

***Next Sunday: Second Collection***

The second collection next Sunday will be for support of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, 'England's Nazareth'.

***Lent - Time for Confession***

Please check the times for Confession in this week's schedule of Masses and services. **There are Confessions every day from Thursday to Saturday this week. Every Catholic has the obligation to go to Confession at least once a year. The best time to fulfil the obligation is Lent. NB: Fr Joe Evans will hear Confessions (in Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, and English) on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>, but not this Wednesday.**

***This Sunday: Stations of the Cross***

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 for these devotions at 5.15 pm this Sunday and every Sunday in Lent, as well as on Friday mornings, and offer them up for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East.** Alternatively, you can follow our own Stations of the Cross online at <https://www.ssgregoryandaugustine.org/stations-of-the-cross>

***Lenten Fasting & Almsgiving: The Food Larder***

As part of your Lenten fasting and almsgiving, please contribute to the Food Bank boxes (for the Cutteslowe Community Larder) in the narthex or Presbytery porch. Donations must be dry goods only. Why not bring a couple of items with you to Mass on Sundays? Our parish Lenten alms will once again be given to Aid to the Church in Need for its work in the Middle East and Ukraine.

***This Thursday: A Day of Eucharistic Adoration***

Last week there was an excellent response to the appeal for people to sign up for a holy half-hour or hour during our day of Adoration. Please do the same this week. Best practice is to have **two people in church at the same time.** 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!**

***Help with Candles and Other Expenses***

- A box of candles for Exposition - **£50**
- New Holy oil stock - **£330 (urgently needed)**
- A new vestment for Easter Sunday - **£827**

**Heartfelt thanks to those who have already made donations towards these costs.**

***Gift Aid***

The Parish can reclaim income tax at 25% on donations for which UK taxpayers have made an appropriate Gift-Aid Declaration (GAD). Eligible donations made through the Digital Plate in the Narthex can be Gift Aided (the option to Gift-Aid will be displayed in the donation process) and, once made, any further eligible payments made through the Digital Plate using the same card will automatically be Gift-Aided. The white envelopes in the narthex enable this to be done for single cash donations but regular cash donors are encouraged to make a 'permanent' declaration using the form approved by the diocese. Copies are available from the Treasurer, Captain Mike Sauvage (07711578803 and online at [mike.sauvage@wadham.ox.ac.uk](mailto:mike.sauvage@wadham.ox.ac.uk)). Captain Sauvage is also happy to answer any Gift Aid or other financial queries relating to the parish.

***Personalized Gift Aid Envelopes for 2025/2026***

For those who use them, personalized Gift Aid envelopes for 2025/2026 are now available in the Narthex.

***Assisted Suicide Bill: Keep up the fight!***

The so-called 'protections' originally included in Kim Leadbeater's evil bill are being removed at the committee stage. She and her supporters seem determined to make patient suicide and medical murder as easy as possible, and on the NHS. Please write to our MP and the Prime Minister to voice your opposition to this wickedness.

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

According to Aid to the Church in Need, nine days ago Christians, and other minorities, were 'indiscriminately massacred' in north-west Syria. Orthodox Patriarch John X said recently: 'The sanctities and dignities of the people have been violated, and the slogans and chants being used are spreading division, fuelling sectarianism, and undermining civil peace ... The icon of the Virgin Mary has been smashed, trampled upon, and desecrated.' Our Lady of Syria, pray for your beloved Syrian people!

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

His Holiness Pope Francis, His Majesty The King, HRH The Princess of Wales, Patrick Curran, Anne-Marie, Maureen Dalton, Imogen Davies, David Drake, Mike Hall, Aneta Gawrysiak, Joyann Green, Sr. Joseph Andrew OP, Jill Kelly, Emily Long, Elsie Michaud, Fiona McLaren, Anne Morris, Alice Murphy, Angela Prendergast, Joy Smith, Anthea Watson, Dennis White and Fr Michael White.

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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Martin Graham, whose anniversary falls at this time.

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

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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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