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*Voce magna clamavit:
 Lazare, veni foras!*



**With a loud voice He cried:
 Lazarus, come out!**

John 11: 43

*Services for the Fifth Week of Lent
 22nd – 28th March 2026
 March – The Month of St Joseph*

Saturday 21st March, <i>Lenten Feria (OF, EF) – St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe (EF)</i> Holy Mass, 9.30 am Holy Hour & Confessions, 10.00 - 11.00 am , Benediction, 11.00 am	Noel Fitzpatrick
Saturday 21st March, <i>Vigil of Sunday</i> Confessions, 5.15 pm Holy Mass, 6.00 pm	For the final defeat of the assisted suicide bill
Sunday 22nd March, <i>The Fifth Sunday of Lent (OF) – Passion Sunday (EF)</i> Holy Mass, 8.00 am Solemn Mass, 10.30 am Stations of the Cross & Benediction, 5.00 pm	The People of the Parish Wolfgang RIP & the whole Bodenbender family
Monday 23rd March, <i>Lenten Feria (OF, EF)</i> Holy Mass, 9.30 am	Fr John & family
Tuesday 24th March, <i>Lenten Feria (OF) – St Gabriel, Archangel (EF)</i> Holy Mass, 9.30 am	Sabina & Greg
Wednesday 25th March, <i>The Solemnity of the Annunciation – Lady Day (OF, EF)</i> High Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)	Sonja Woodman & family
Thursday 26th March, <i>Lenten Feria (OF)</i> Holy Mass, 9.30 am, Confessions, 10.00 – 10.30 am Holy Hour & Confessions, 4.00 – 5 pm , Benediction, 5.00 pm	Dorothy Croucher RIP
Friday 27th March, <i>Lenten Feria (OF, EF)</i> Holy Mass, 9.30 am, followed by Stations of the Cross Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form), Confessions, 7.00 – 7.30 pm	Tony Holden RIP Emily
Saturday 28th March, <i>Lenten Feria (OF, EF)</i> Holy Mass, 9.30 am Holy Hour & Confessions, 10.00 - 11.00 am , Benediction, 11.00 am	Sheila Jennings RIP
Saturday 28th March, <i>Vigil of Sunday</i> Confessions, 5.15 pm Holy Mass, with Blessing of Palms, 6.00 pm	The People of the Parish
Sunday 29th March, <i>Palm Sunday (OF, EF)</i> Holy Mass, with Blessing of Palms, 8.00 am Solemn Mass, with Blessing of Palms & Procession, 10.30 am	The Gawrysiak family Thomas & Kathleen McLoughlin RIP

Father John writes:

This Sunday at 5 pm: Stations of the Cross

This Sunday is the beginning of Passiontide. Please join us this afternoon at 5 to follow Our Lord on His sorrowful journey to Calvary. These will be the last Stations before Good Friday.

This Wednesday: The Annunciation – Consecration to Our Lady

This Wednesday, the solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lady, there will be a High Mass in the Latin Extraordinary Form at 6 pm. Polyphony and chant will be provided by Dr Tom Neal and Ensemble Ars Sacra. After Mass I invite those who have been preparing to consecrate themselves to Our Lady, that is, to Jesus through Mary, to make the consecration, as I recite the words of St Louis-Marie's prayer. Those who have already made the consecration can renew it today.

***This Coming Saturday Night: Clocks Forward
On Saturday, 28th, before you go to bed, please put your
clocks forward by an hour. British Summer Time begins!***

Lent - Time for Confession

Every Catholic has the obligation to go to Confession at least once a year. The best time to fulfil the obligation is Lent.

Advance Notice: Paschal Triduum Liturgies

+ Maundy Thursday, 2nd April 8 pm:

Mass of the Lord's Supper

+ Good Friday, 3rd April 3 pm:

Liturgy of the Passion

+ Holy Saturday, 4th April 8 pm:

Easter Vigil

+ Easter Sunday, 5th April

Holy Mass at 8 am, 10.30 am, 12.15 pm (EF)

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

Good News: Scottish Assisted Suicide Bill Defeated

After almost five years of consultation, campaigning, and debate, Members of the Scottish Parliament have voted by a significant majority, 69-57, to reject the McArthur Assisted Suicide Bill. Thanks be to God!

Tragic news: Abortion-to-birth approved in the Lords

Last Wednesday the House of Lords voted by 185 to 148 against Baroness Monckton's amendment to overturn the extreme abortion clause in the Crime and Policing Bill. **If the Bill receives the Royal Assent, it will no longer be illegal for women to perform their own abortions, for any**

reason, including sex-selective purposes, and at any point up to and during birth. May the Lord have mercy on us all.

English Assisted Suicide Bill: Latest News

Please pray that the Leadbeater Assisted Suicide Bill, currently being debated in the Lords, falls through lack of parliamentary time. **Christ our King, our Resurrection and Life, defeat the dark powers of death! Mary, Mother of Life, pray for the protection of human life in our country from conception to natural death!**

Pharmaceuticals manufactured using immoral methods

You may be interested in this online petition to have pharmaceuticals labelled to inform patients whether they were developed using immoral methods.

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/742800>

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

Gift Aid Envelopes

Personalized Gift Aid Envelopes for 2026/2027 are now available in the narthex for those who use them. A couple of the envelope numbers have changed - this is not significant. Anyone else who is registered for Gift Aid and who would like to register for personalized envelopes for 2026/2027 can obtain a set by contacting the Parish Treasurer on 07711578803 or mike.sauvage@wadham.ox.ac.uk.

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 Thomas James Glover, Eileen Hutchings, Msgr Antoine Maloumy, Anthony Meade, Bridget O'Sullivan, Nora O'Sullivan, Santa Maria Peake, and Marie Riccardi, 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.

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