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*Eructavit cor meum
verbum bonum:
dico ego opera mea regi.*



My heart hath uttered
a good word:
I speak my works to the King.

Ps. 44: 2

*Services for the Eighteenth Week of Ordinary Time (OF) – 8th after Pentecost (EF)
3rd – 9th August 2025
August - The Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary*

Saturday 2nd August, Vigil of Sunday

Confessions, 5.15 pm
Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

Paul Radcliffe RIP

Sunday 3rd August, Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (OF) – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (EF)

Holy Mass, 8.00 am
Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

Mary & Gage Horsh
The People of the Parish

Monday 4th August, St John Mary Vianney, Priest & Confessor (OF) – St Dominic, Priest & Confessor (EF)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Barre Family

Tuesday 5th August, Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major – Our Lady of the Snows (OF, EF)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Catherine Brown

Wednesday 6th August, Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord (OF, EF)

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Ron Silvester RIP

Thursday 7th August, St Sixtus II, Pope, Martyr (OF) - St Cajetan, Priest & Confessor (OF, EF)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am
Holy Mass, 12.00 noon (Extraord. Form)
Holy Hour & Confessions, 4.00 – 5.00 pm, Benediction, 5 pm

Lisa Illean & Family
Robert

Friday 8th August, St Dominic, Priest & Confessor (OF) – St John Mary Vianney, Priest & Confessor (EF)

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Nuala O’Riordan RIP

**Saturday 9th August, Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr, Patron of Europe (OF)
– Our Lady’s Saturday**

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

Dominique Barrett RIP

Saturday 9th August, Vigil of Sunday

Confessions, 5.15 pm
Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

Private Intention

Sunday 10th August, Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (OF) – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (EF)

Holy Mass, 8.00 am
Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

The People of the Parish
Thanksgiving

Father John writes:

August: The Immaculate Heart of Mary

The Immaculate Heart of Mary is the Heart that most closely resembles the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our Divine Redeemer. You might like to say this prayer each day of the month: **O Heart most pure of the Blessed Virgin Mary, obtain for me from Jesus a pure and humble heart.**

Breaking News: St John Henry Newman as Doctor of the Church

The Holy See has announced that the title of 'Doctor of the Church' is to be conferred on St John Henry Newman, who is one of the great glories of our Archdiocese of Birmingham and of this City and University of Oxford. We send our congratulations to our dear friends Fr Nicholas and the other Fathers and Brothers of the Oxford Oratory.

Walsingham Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life: Saturday 2nd August.

More information and travel details via <https://prolifepilgrimage.org/>

Anscombe Centre: Online Catholic Bioethics Resources

Sadly, after nearly 50 years of service of the Church in these islands, the Anscombe Centre Catholic for Catholic Bioethics has closed down. Mercifully, though, some of its materials remain accessible online, including these resources on Advance Statements, Lasting Powers of Attorney, and Advance Decisions to Refuse Treatment, which present both Catholic teaching and practical guidance: <https://www.bioethics.org.uk/advance-decisions>

The Lejeune Clinic

Another great pro-life organization is the Lejeune Clinic, named for Dr Jérôme Lejeune (+ 1994), medical doctor, research scientist, and heroic defender of the unborn. The Church has declared Dr Lejeune to be Venerable, the first step on the path to his canonization. The Lejeune Clinic provides specialist therapy for children with Down Syndrome and support for their families. Check out the Clinic flyers in the narthex and their website: <https://www.lejeuneclinic.com/>

Assisted Suicide Bill: Novena to Pray for its Defeat

The Assisted Suicide bill will be debated in the House of Lords on Friday 12th September, the feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary. We shall be praying a Novena to

Mary, Mother of Life, from **3rd September, the feast of our own St Gregory, to the 12th.** Our intention will be for the final rejection of this evil bill and for the building up of a true culture of life and Christian civilization of love in this land.

Mass Intentions

Asking for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to be offered for anyone, living or dead, is a beautiful and powerful act of faith, hope, and charity. If you would like a Holy Mass offered, please use one of the little brown envelopes in the narthex, fill in the details, add your offering, and return through the Presbytery letter-box or collection plate.

Food Larder

Great thanks to all those who are contributing items each week. **Please** continue to donate dry goods and toiletries using the boxes in the narthex and Presbytery porch. Every tin or packet makes a difference. **Toiletry items are always needed.**

Please pray for all persecuted Christians, especially in northern Nigeria, where even your Christian name makes you a target for terrorists.

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, Jackaleen Cassidy, 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, Alice Murphy, 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 the faithful departed, especially Dorothy Baker, Gerard Donald Blay, Maura Blay, George Kazimierz Skarbek Kruszewski, Elizabeth Joan McBeth, and Nuala Elizabeth O'Riordan, 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>