

SS. Gregory & Augustine Catholic Church
322 Woodstock Road, Oxford OX2 7NS; Tel. 01865 515138
Priest in Charge: Father John Saward (01865 764650) - Deacon: Rev. James Forde-Johnston
sanctusgregorius@btinternet.com - www.ssgregoryandaugustine.org
Live-Stream TV available at www.churchservices.tv/oxford



Services for the First Week of Lent
21st – 28th February 2021
The Year of St Joseph
February – The Month of the Holy Family

Saturday 20th February, *Vigil of Sunday*

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

Fr Dan Kiely RIP

Sunday 21st February, *The First Sunday of Lent (OF, EF)*

Holy Mass, 10.30 am

Holy Mass, 12.00 noon (Extraord. Form)

Stations of the Cross & Benediction, 5.00 pm

Monsignor Vaughan Morgan

Fr Thomas Williams RIP

Monday 22nd February, *The Feast of The Chair of St Peter, Apostle*

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm, followed by **Confessions**, 6.30 – 7.00 pm
(visiting priest)

Annie Higgins RIP

Tuesday 23rd February, *St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr*

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

Andrew Emberton

Wednesday 24th February, *Lenten Feria*

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Sister Monica Maria RIP

Thursday 25th February, *Lenten Feria*

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Holy Hour, 4.00 – 5.00 pm, **Confessions**, 4.00 – 4.45 pm

Benediction, 5.00 pm

Johnny Delaney RIP, the Faithful Departed

Friday 26th February, *Lenten Feria*

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Deceased Members of Gavin Family

Saturday 27th February, *Lenten Feria – Saturday of Our Lady*

Holy Hour, 10.00 – 11.00 am; **Confessions**, 10.15 – 11.00 am

Benediction, 11.00 am

Saturday 27th February, *Vigil of Sunday*

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

John Brooks RIP

Sunday 28th February, *The Second Sunday of Lent (OF, EF)*

Holy Mass, 10.30 am

Stations of the Cross & Benediction, 5.00 pm

The People of the Parish

Father John writes:

This Sunday: Lenten Devotions

Please join us this afternoon at 5.00 for Stations of the Cross and Benediction. There will also be Stations every Tuesday after the 9.30 am Mass.

This Friday: Family Fast Day, 26th February

There will be a second collection on the weekend of 27/28 February. You can also give directly at www.cafod.org.uk/give. The theme of this year's collection is access to water. For further information see cafod.org.uk/walk

Advance Notice: other Second Collections

7th March (Cathedral Maintenance), 14th March (Light for the Blind)

Lent Has Begun - Time for Confession

Please check the times for Confession in this week's schedule of Masses and services. *Every Catholic has the solemn obligation to go to Confession at least once a year. The best time for this is Lent.*

Lenten Alms: Light for the Blind - St Joseph's Hospices for the Blind and Dying Destitute of India: (Registered Charity No. 1085698).

My former student Father Thomas Rathapillil opened his first hospice for the dying destitute in Dindigul, Tamil Nadu, in 2006. Four others are based further north, not far from Chennai. By 2020 Fr Thomas and his dedicated staff were nursing over 1,000 stricken men and women with compassionate care. *And then Covid-19.* Fr Thomas wrote in the 2020 newsletter: 'The Covid19 crisis has hit Tamil Nadu hard, and has severely affected our operations and stretched our resources. We are only permitted to accept new patients under new, tighter criteria, but have a reasonably full complement of patients in all our hospices to keep us busy. We have also been approached to take over a hospice for palliative care run by the City of Chennai, which we will consider.' As Fr Thomas leads his helpers with unwavering faith and commitment to restore and rebuild their means of serving the poorest of God's poor, there never was a more favourable time for generous giving. So please make *Light for the Blind* your Lenten good cause this year. There is a special slot for donations in the money box in the narthex. There will also be a second collection for LFTB on the Third Sunday of Lent. Breaking news: Soon Fr Thomas has plans for opening a sixth hospice for the dying destitute of South India.

The Year of St Joseph

The Year of St Joseph, which began on the Immaculate Conception, 8th December, last year, continues to 8th December this year. Prayers to St Joseph will appear from time to time in the newsletter,

and listen out for some special pieces of music in honour of the Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of Blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, and Patron of the Universal Church. I encourage all husbands and fathers to get to know and love their great model and helper. ***Advance Notice: There will be a Sung Mass in the Extraordinary Form on the Feast of St Joseph, Friday 19th March, at 6 pm. Devotions to St Joseph will follow. St Joseph, most faithful, pray for us!***

Covid Regulations

Please observe all current regulation when in Church, as a matter of courtesy and Christian charity towards others. Always check the newsletter for updates <https://www.ssgregoryandaugustine.org/>

Financial Support: Digital Collection Plate

There is now a 'Digital Collection Plate' in the narthex enabling donations to be made by debit or credit card. It is very simply activated by selecting the donation amount and tapping a contactless card on the reader to the right of the tablet or inserting the card and entering your PIN. It is possible to Gift Aid the donation (and the tablet screen will offer the option to do so) but the system is not able to access previous Gift Aid declarations so the relevant details have to be entered on first use - the system will automatically offer the choice to gift aid subsequent donations without the need to enter further details. (However, please note that a new declaration is needed if a different card is used). The process to enter Gift Aid details takes at least a couple of minutes, so it is worth making the first donation and declaration when the church is relatively quiet. Any queries regarding the operation of the device, and other ways to support the parish, should be referred to the Treasurer, Captain Mike Sauvage on 07711578803 or mike.sauvage@wadham.ox.ac.uk.

Please pray for the sick and housebound

Anne-Marie, Jackie Ball, Peter & Valerie de Bono & the whole de Bono family, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Phillip Canham, Fr Paul Chavasse CO, Filomeno Cota, Maureen Dalton, Eileen Healy, Jill Kelly, Mike Lees, Emily Long, Elsie Maria Michaud, Anne Morris, Jill Pinnock, and Joy Smith.

Pray for the souls of the faithful departed

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Marie Victorina Andrews, Anne Best, Maura Burden, Peter Church, Carol Martin, Hugh McDonald, Mary O'Sullivan, Richard Scicluna, and Michael Tolkien, who have anniversaries at this time.

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