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*Per signum Crucis
de inimicis nostris
libera nos, Deus noster.*



By the sign of the Cross
deliver us, O Lord our God,
from all our enemies.

Perugino, *The Crucifixion* (Sant'Agostino, Siena)

Services for the Twenty-third week of Ordinary Time (OF) – 16th after Pentecost (EF)
8th – 14th September 2024
September – The Month of the Holy Angels

Saturday 7th September, Vigil of Sunday

Confessions, 5.15 – 5.45 pm

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

Jim O’Kane RIP

Sunday 8th September, Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (OF) - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (EF)

Holy Mass, 8.00 am

Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

The People of the Parish

Joy

Monday 9th September, St Peter Claver, Confessor (OF) – Feria (EF)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Fr Kevin St Aubyn RIP

Tuesday 10th September, Blessed Agnellus of Pisa, Confessor (OF) – St Nicolas of Tolentino, Confessor (EF)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Nicky & Mark (anniversary)

Wednesday 11th September, Feria (OF, EF)

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Leonard Malinowski RIP

Thursday 12th September, The Most Holy Name of Mary (OF, EF)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

In gratitude

Holy Hour and Confessions cancelled today only

Holy Mass, 6 pm (Extraord. Form)

Fr Andrew Pinsent

Friday 13th September, St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (OF) – Feria (EF)

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Susanne Ertl

Saturday 14th September, The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (OF, EF)

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Andrew Burke RIP

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

Saturday 14th September, Vigil of Sunday

Confessions, 5.15 - 5.45 pm

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

The People of the Parish

Sunday 15th September, The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (OF) – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (EF)

Holy Mass, 8.00 am

Krzysztof Gawlik RIP

Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

Helena Tomko

Holy Mass, 12.00 noon (Extraord. Form)

Barry Shrimpton RIP

Father John writes:

September: The Month of the Holy Angels

September is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Angels. You might like to begin to say each morning, throughout September, this prayer to your guardian angel, asking for his protection: **Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide.**

This Coming Saturday, 14th: Ride & Stride 2024

Each year cyclists, walkers, and horse-riders raise sponsor money for the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust by visiting as many churches and chapels on a single day as they can. The individual churches receive 50% of the money their riders and striders raise. I invite you to take part in this year's *Ride and Stride* by riding or striding yourself, or by being one of the team of welcomers. **We need to recruit volunteers, even at this late stage, to welcome riders and striders at St Gregory's. Welcomers sit in the Glass Room, each for an hour, to register riders and striders and offer refreshments – all done sitting down! Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you can help.**

Advance Notice: Prayer Group

2024 has been designated the Year of Prayer. In response to this initiative, a group of parishioners have started a prayer group, which will meet in church on the second Tuesday of each month from 7.30 to 8.30 pm, to pray and meditate together. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 17th September**. Everyone will be very welcome. Please see the poster in the narthex for more details.

Advance Notice: Second Collections

15th September: Catholic Evangelisation
22nd September: Fr Hudson's Society
6th October: CAFOD Harvest Fast

Confessions: Now is the Time!

People come to Confessions in large numbers during Advent and Lent, but then the numbers drop off. This is puzzling: Do we only commit sins twice a year? I don't think so. We all have a daily struggle. **I encourage you therefore to consider making your Confession once a month throughout the year, and to prepare remotely for Confession by briefly examining your conscience every evening.** Please note the times for Confession in the weekly schedule. If none of these times is convenient, you can always make an appointment, and of course there are Confessions every day at our mother church, the Oratory church of St Aloysius. Referring to the importance of frequent Confession, Pope Benedict said: 'If I never go to confession, my soul is neglected, and I end up feeling pleased with myself ... The cleansing of the soul

that Jesus gives us in the Sacrament of Confession helps make our consciences more alert, more open, and so helps us to be more spiritually mature'.

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. **We need at least a week's notice when Masses are requested for a particular date. Once an intention has been published in the newsletter, we try always honour it.**

The Food Larder

Thank you to all those contributing items each week. Please continue to donate dry goods, and toiletries, using the boxes in the narthex and Presbytery porch. New contributors are always welcome! Just one item each week makes a difference.

Please pray for all pupils and teachers at the beginning of the new school year.

Please pray for all persecuted Christians throughout the world.

Please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, and Sudan.

Please pray for the sick and housebound

His Majesty The King, HRH The Princess of Wales, Anne-Marie, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Jane Brownson, Ela Bulewicz, Olive Clarke, Paul Conway, Maureen Dalton, Imogen Davies, Mike Hall, Aneta Gawrysiak, Joyann Green, Sr. Joseph Andrew OP, Jill Kelly, Emily Long, Elsie Michaud, Fiona McLaren, Anne Morris, Alice Murphy, Jill Pinnock, Fr Andrew Pinsent, Angela Prendergast, Catherine Scott-Yeomans, Joy Smith, Malcolm Spicer, Matthew Spicer, Evelyn Watkin, Anthea Watson, and Dennis White.

Please pray for the faithful departed

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Anna Daphne Bray, Helen Josephine Brennan, Augustine Healy, Elizabeth Assunta Jones, Mary Philomena Sheerin, and Elizabeth Wagstaff, who have anniversaries at this time.

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

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