



St Mary
Magdalen
OXFORD

Parish Notes

March 2024

Parish Clergy

Services

Sundays

Eucharist at 8am and 5.30pm
Mattins at 10 am, High Mass at 10.30am

Weekdays

Eucharist at 12.15 pm and 6.00pm
Morning Prayer 8.15am
Evening Prayer 5.40pm

Confessions

Daily after the 12.15pm Mass,
Wednesdays & Saturdays at 6.30pm

Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage by
appointment with the Parish Priest

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Events and Notices

Women's World Day of Prayer

1st March

This year the service will be prepared by the women of Palestine and will take place at St Columba's URC church, at 12.30pm. All are welcome and light refreshments will be provided afterwards. More information at www.wwdp.org.uk

The Way of the Cross

Wednesdays in Lent

As is usual, we are marking Lent with a weekly service of Stations of the Cross, followed by an address, and concluding with Benediction. Each service will begin at 7.30pm. The theme for the addresses this year is Patriarchs and Prophets.

Pirates of Penzance

6th March

Stations on 6th march will be at 6pm, because at 7.30pm Fr Peter, Mthr Lucie and others will be performing in Pirates of Penzance at St Michael's, New Marston. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start. Proceeds will go to support the Archway Foundation, an Oxford charity which exists to tackle loneliness.

Scripture on Saturday

9th March

Our regular bible study group meets at 10am online to continue looking at Abrahamic stories in the Old Testament. The link will be circulated closer to the time; please email Mthr Esther if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Making Posies for Mothering Sunday

9th March

Join our flower team for a morning and help make up posies for Mothering Sunday, meeting 10am in church.

Mothering Sunday

10th March

The fourth Sunday in Lent is “Laetare”, known in the Church of England as Mothering Sunday. At the high mass we will be distributing posies for mothers and others, which all are welcome to take.

Church Cleaning

16th March

Please come and help to prepare the church for our Holy Week services between 9.30am and 11.30am. As always, good company and snacks provided!

Commemoration of the martyrdom of Thomas Cranmer 21st March

The Prayer Book Society are holding a day of services and talks to commemorate this anniversary. Mattins at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin will be sung by Mthr Esther. The service begins at 11.00am and is followed by a procession to the Martyrs’ Memorial and wreath laying.

Palm Sunday

24th March

As usual, we begin our High Mass on Palm Sunday in Trinity College Chapel, at 10.15am, processing to St Mary Magdalen’s to begin around 10.30am. Full details of Holy Week services follow.

Lent Concerts at Queen's

12th and 19th March

6.15-7pm, 12 and 19 March. Free admission with retiring collection in aid of the United Nations Children's Fund and the MS Society. Artworks by Roger Wagner, Nicholas Mynheer, Alison Berrett, and Tim Steward have been offered for reflection. Disabled access is possible by contacting the Queen's Lodge on 01865 279120.

Cumnor Choral Society Concert: Celebrating Stanford

The Cumnor Choral Society will give a concert at 7.30pm on Saturday the 16th of March in celebration of the centenary of Charles Stanford's death, including *Bible Songs* and *Songs of the Fleet*, directed by Benedict Goodal. St Peter and St Paul Church, West Way, Botley. Tickets are £12 in advance or £15 on the door, and include refreshments. Please email Caroline Cockman (cockman.caroline@gmail.com) or Ruth and Stuart Dryden (drydens7@outlook.com) for tickets.

Redemption

GEORGE HERBERT

Having been tenant long to a rich lord,
Not thriving, I resolvèd to be bold,
And make a suit unto him, to afford
A new small-rented lease, and cancel th' old.

In heaven at his manor I him sought;
They told me there that he was lately gone
About some land, which he had dearly bought
Long since on earth, to take possession.

I straight returned, and knowing his great birth,
Sought him accordingly in great resorts;
In cities, theaters, gardens, parks, and courts;
At length I heard a ragged noise and mirth

Of thieves and murderers; there I him espied,
Who straight, *Your suit is granted*, said, and died.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday

10.15am Blessing of Palms in Trinity College Chapel followed by procession to St Mary Magdalen's.

10.30am approx. High Mass with the singing of the Passion according to Matthew

Holy Monday Mass at 12.15pm and 6pm: address at 6pm

Holy Tuesday Mass at 12.15pm and 6pm: address at 6pm

Holy Wednesday

Mass at 12.15pm and 5.30pm (NB start time)

Tenebrae 7.30pm

The Easter Triduum

Maundy Thursday

7.30 High Mass of the Lord's Supper with the Washing of Feet and Procession to the Altar of Repose, followed by the Stripping of the Altars and a Watch before the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

Good Friday

12 noon Three Hours Devotion led by the clergy: "JS Bach and the Passion of Christ"

3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday

8.00pm The Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

Mass 8am, 5.30pm.

High Mass with Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows 10.30

Intercessions

Please pray for the long-term sick and those in special need, among them:

Jo Laity, Sr Mary Bernard, Sophie Brown, Pamela Rogers, Sophie, Adrian, Ann, Alison, Johanna Merz, Maggie, Michael, Gordon Scott, Michael Starford, Helen Bell, Jenny, Beryl Dryden, Susan Barnes, Roy Dicker, John O'Leary, Jennifer Larcombe, Bob Guthrie, Eleanor Jamison, Anna, Phoenix, Elwyn Knight, Bernard Bishop, Francis O'Gorman, Andrew Linzey, Sancha Maya-Rai

Sunday readings

Sunday 3 rd March	Exodus 20.1-17; 1 Cor 1.18-25; John 2.13-25
Sunday 10 th March	2 Chronicles 36.14-16, 19-23; Ephesians 2.4-10; John 3.14-21
Sunday 17 th March	Jeremiah 31.31-34; Hebrews 5.7-9; John 12.20-33
Sunday 24 th March	Isaiah 50.4-7; Philippians 2.6-11; Mark 15.1-39
Sunday 31 st March	Acts 10.34, 37-43; Colossians 3.1-4; John 20.1-9

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Easter Day					1 David, B	2 Feria (Lent)
Parish Community					Wales	Steven, our bishop
3 3rd Sunday of Lent	4 Feria (Lent)	5 Feria (Lent)	6 Feria (Lent)	7 Perpetua & Felicity, Ms	8 Feria (Lent)	9 Feria (Lent)
Parish community	Justin, our Archbishop	Vocations	The persecuted church	Oxford City Council	Monthly requiem	Christian Aid
10 4th Sunday of Lent	11 Feria (Lent)	12 Feria (Lent)	13 Feria (Lent) Anointing at 6pm.	14 Feria (Lent) Anointing at 12.15	15 Feria (Lent)	16 Feria (Lent)
Parish community	Aid workers	Refugees	Healing Ministry	Oxford's hospitals	Schools	Ireland
17 5th Sunday of Lent	18 Feria (Lent)	19 Joseph, husband of the BVM	20 Feria (Lent)	21 Feria (Lent)	22 Feria (Lent)	23 Feria (Lent)
Parish Community	Bishops	Family life	The homeless	The PCC	Parish clergy	The shrine at Walsingham
24 Palm Sunday	25 Holy Week	26 Holy Week)	27 Holy Week	28 Maundy Thursday	29 Good Friday	30 Holy Saturday
Parish Community	Preachers	Sacristans and servers	Choir and musicians	Vigilance	Penitence	Hope