



St Mary
Magdalen
OXFORD

Parish Notes

April 2021

Current Services:

Sundays

Said Mass 8 am
Solemn Mass 10.30 am

Weekdays

Monday - Friday

Morning Prayer 8.15 am
Mass 12.15 pm

Saturday

Mass 6 pm

Confessions

Please speak to Fr Peter to arrange
Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage by
appointment with Fr Peter

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Events and Notices

Holy Week

It will be some time before public worship is free of the restrictions necessitated by the Covid pandemic, and so our Holy Week celebrations will be a little different from usual this year. There will not be washing of feet on Maundy Thursday, and the watch before the Blessed Sacrament will be shorter than usual. There will be no Three Hours Devotion on Good Friday.

If you plan to attend any of the Triduum services, please email admin@stmarymagdalenoxford.org.uk

The Easter Triduum

Maundy Thursday

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

Good Friday

3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday

8.00pm The Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

Mass 8am

High Mass with Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows 10.30

Easter

George Herbert (1593 – 1633)

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise
Without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With him mayst rise:
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part
With all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to resound his name,
Who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song
Pleasant and long:
Or since all music is but three parts vied
And multiplied;
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

Many thanks

Thanks are due to all those who have worked hard, and continue to do so, to make our observance of Holy Week as good as it can be. We are grateful to our musicians, our sacristans and servers, the flower team, our Children's Church, our churchwardens and sidespeople and all who have helped in any way.

Public worship and service times

Our pattern of services will continue in Eastertide as it has been for the last few months. There is a Said Mass at 8am on Sundays, and a Solemn Mass with choir and sermon at 10.30am. Daily mass is celebrated at 12.15pm Monday – Friday, and at 6pm on Saturdays. Morning Prayer is said in church at 8.15am on weekdays.

Baptism and Confirmation

On Sunday 18th April, we welcome Steven, our Bishop, to preside at the High Mass and to baptise and confirm. Please pray for the candidates – Angel, John, Joel and Rory.

New venture for the Oxford Winter Night Shelter

The Oxford Winter Night Shelter is delighted to be working with St Clement's Parish Property to set up a new day support centre to offer respite, hospitality and encouragement to those who are homeless and vulnerably housed.

Through discussions with partner agencies, the Oxford Winter Night Shelter has established that there is a real need to provide support and companionship to members of the community, as the feelings of isolation and loneliness have increased during the Coronavirus pandemic. The new day centre, known as the "Living Room", will provide support in a small and friendly environment to its guests, specially targeting those who may feel more able to engage in this setting. The Living Room will operate with high staff to guest ratios in order that the guests can be given the attention that they need to ensure a positive experience. The Oxford Winter Night Shelter will work closely with agencies to obtain referrals to the centre and to provide joined up support.

The Living Room is to be based in the St Clement's area in a property owned by St Clement's Parish Property, with purposes including the relief of those in need within the local community. It is hoped that the Living Room will be able to open its doors during the summer 2021. The next few months will be spent in refurbishing the venue and finalising the operations.

The Oxford Winter Night Shelter was set up three years ago to provide overnight accommodation to the homeless and rough sleepers of Oxford during the winter months. Due to the restrictions imposed by the Coronavirus pandemic it has not been able to operate the shelters this winter. Rough sleepers are being given temporary accommodation under the "Everyone In" initiative. When it is possible to do so, the Oxford Winter Night Shelter intends to reopen its doors, whilst continuing the Living Room operation.

The Oxford Winter Night Shelter operates due to the dedication and expertise of its volunteers, the continued generosity of its donors and the support of the churches across central Oxford and wider afield.

Mary Gurr, Founder and Chair of the Oxford Winter Night Shelter and Chaplain to the Homeless says "I am delighted the OWNS is able to work in partnership with St Clements and with our partner organisations. It is hoped this new initiative will address issues of loneliness and isolation and provide sanctuary and practical help to some of the most vulnerable and needy people in our community."

The Reverend Rachel Gibson, Chair of St Clements Parish Property says "St Clement's Parish Property Trustees have been delighted to work with OWNS and its other partner churches and organisations since it began. We're really pleased that we're now also able to help in setting up the new day centre, which we hope will provide a warm welcome, companionship and support to its guests."

If you would like more information and would like to support this initiative, please visit www.ownsoxford.org.uk

Intercessions

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

Ann-Marie, Anna, Phoenix, David, Elizabeth, Di, Michael, William, Joy, Bernard, Philip, Liam, Jo, Sr Mary Bernard, Eleanor, Clifford, Christopher, Alison, Ann, Adrian & family.

Sunday readings

Sunday 4th April: Acts 10.34, 37-43; Colossians 3.1-4; John 20.1-9

Sunday 11th April: Acts 32-35; 1 John 5.1-6; John 20.19-31

Sunday 18th April: Acts 3.13-19; 1 John 2.1-5; Luke 24.35-48

Sunday 25th April: Acts 4.8-12; 1 John 3.1-2; John 10.11-18

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Maundy Thursday	2 Good Friday	3 Holy Saturday
				Vigilance	Penitence	Hope
4th Easter Day	5 Easter Octave	6 Easter Octave	7 Easter Octave	8 Easter Octave	9 Easter Octave	10 Easter Octave
Parish Community	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection					
11th Second Sunday of Easter	12 Feria	13 Feria	14 Feria	15 Feria	16 Feria	17 Feria
Parish Community	Steven, our Bishop	Justin, our Archbishop	Ordinands	The NHS	Oxford's hospitals	Emergency Services
18th Third Sunday of Easter	19 Feria	20 Feria	21 Anselm B Dr	22 Feria	23 George M	24 Feria
Parish Community	Missionary work	Students	Theologians	Monthly requiem	Our country	Oxford City Council
25th Fourth Sunday of Easter	26 Feria	27 Feria	28 Feria	29 Catherine of Siena V Dr	30 Feria	
Parish Community	Chaplains	Preachers	Sacristans and servers	Spiritual directors	Scholars	