



Parish Notes

December 2018

Services:

Sundays

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

Weekdays

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

Confessions

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

Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage by
appointment with the Parish Priest

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Events

Christmas Services

Sunday 9th December

4.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Monday, 24th December: Christmas Eve

3.00 pm Crib Service

11.30 pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity and Blessing of the Crib

Tuesday, 25th December: Christmas Day

8.00 Mass

10.30 High Mass

Carol Service

On Sunday 9th December, at 4.30pm, we shall hold our annual service of carols by candlelight. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate and to welcome new faces to join us. It is also a chance for us to make the most of the magnificent music provided by our wonderful choir and organist. The consistently high standard of music in our church has been a significant factor in our continuing growth and is a real joy. Please support this event, and invite friends to join us as well.

There will be no evening mass on Sunday 9th December.

Crib Service

Our crib service will take place on Christmas Eve, at 3pm. All are welcome, young and old, regulars and visitors.

Christingle at St Michael's

St Michael's are holding a Christingle service on the 22nd of December. All are welcome.

Carols in Bonn Square

People from St Columba's, St Michael's, and Wesley Memorial Church are meeting to sing carols from 12.00 until 12.45 on Sunday 16th December. All are welcome to join in.

Confessions Before Christmas

A priest will be available to hear confessions in the days leading up to Christmas at the following times:

Monday 17th December 12.45pm (Fr Jonathan), 6.30pm (Mthr Judith)

Tuesday 18th 6.30pm (Fr Peter)

Wednesday 19th 12.45pm (Fr Barry)

Thursday 20th 11.45am (Fr Jarred)

Friday 21st 6.30pm (Fr Peter)

Saturday 22nd 12.45pm (Fr Peter)

After Christmas

There will be no evening mass on St Stephen's Day (Boxing Day) or on Monday 31st December (New Year's Eve).

There will be no public Morning Prayer between Christmas Day and 1st January.

Installations of new incumbents

The new vicars of two of our neighbouring parishes will be installed in the coming months. Revd. Anthony Buckley at St Michael's at 6pm on the 9th January, and Fr Christopher Woods at St Barnabas at 7.30pm on the 28th February. All are welcome to attend.

Notices

Scripture on Saturday

Our final Bible Study morning of the year takes place on Saturday 15th December from 10.30am. All are most welcome to come, no previous participation necessary. We will be continuing to look at Colossians.

Gatehouse Christmas Presents

As you buy your presents, please remember the Gatehouse which relies heavily upon people donating gifts. Please take socks, gloves, scarves, hats, underpants and chocolate bars to the Gatehouse before 20th December, when a wrapping party will be wrapping them up for their guests. They have an average of 385 visits a week and 44% of those attending are rough sleepers. Please bring your unwrapped offering to the Gatehouse between 5pm-7pm Monday to Friday and on Sundays between 4pm-6pm. St Michael's are kindly happy to act as a depot – open 10am to 3pm on weekdays and the shop at other times if necessary.

Licensing of Associate Priest

Both Fr Jarred and Fr Jonathan have officially completed their curacies at St Mary Magdalen's, and have been commended by the Bishop. Fr Jarred remains part of our clergy team, whilst being licensed to Merton College as Assistant Chaplain and Research Fellow. Fr Jonathan is being newly licensed to St Mary Magdalen's as Associate Priest. This will make little difference to our day-to-day ministry in reality, but for legal purposes it might at times be helpful to know that the two clergy officially licensed to our parish by the Bishop of Oxford are Fr Peter and Fr Jonathan (for example licensed clergy are required to sign off certificates).

Since Fr Jonathan is continuing with us we are not holding a service to mark his licensing, which will be formally carried out by the Archdeacon in Christ Church.

Weddings

Please pray for Mthr Mel and Mark who are to be married on the 8th of December.

On the 26th of January Fr Jonathan and Ella-Mae will be married at St Mary Magdalen's. They warmly invite members of the congregation to come to their nuptial mass and will be distributing cards with details during the Sundays of Advent and Christmas.

Church flowers

There will be collections for the flower fund, for Christmas and afterwards, after the High Mass on Sundays in December.

Oxford Winter Night Shelter

OWNS is a project being run by Oxford churches to offer emergency night shelter accommodation for the homeless in Oxford this winter. It is being run over seven nights a week, from January 2019 through to March. St Mary Magdalen's has been involved in the planning of this project, and has provided some volunteers for the staffing. We now need to be able to back this up with financial support, and so the collection at our Carol Service, and the Crib Collection at our Christmas services, will go towards funding the night shelter. If you would like to make a specific donation for this purpose, please use a gift aid envelope and mark it "Winter Night Shelter".

Study Leave

Fr Peter will be on study leave for two weeks in January. This will act as a dry run for his sabbatical which will begin after Easter. The clergy team will undertake the care of the parish during these periods.

Intercessions

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

Holly, Wendy, Ann-Marie, Abigail, Melanie, Dan, Angela, Anna and Phoenix, Philip, Chris, Julie, Michael, Sue, Alex, Richard, Brian, Jonathan, Allan, Ian, Alan, William, Chloe, Sybilla, Liam, Di, Tracy, Abigail, William, Jane, Tony, David, Charlotte, Barbara, Jo.

Sunday readings

Sunday 2nd December: Jeremiah 33.14-16; Thessalonians 3.12-4.2; Luke 21.25-28, 34-36

Sunday 9th December: Baruch 5.1-9; Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11; Luke 3.1-6

Sunday 16th December: Zephaniah 3.14-18; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.10-18

Sunday 23rd December: Micah 5.1-4; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-44

Sunday 30th December: 1 Samuel 1.20-22,24-end;1 John 3.1-2, 21-end; Luke 2.41-52

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Feria
						Justin our Archbishop
2 1st Sunday of Advent	3 Francis Xavier Pr	4 John of Damascus Pr Dr	5 Feria	6 Nicholas B	7 Ambrose B Dr	8 Conception of the BVM
Parish community	World peace	Teachers	Helen and Douglas House	Children	Bishops	Those to be married
9 2nd Sunday of Advent	10 Feria	11 Feria	12 Feria	13 Lucy V M	14 John of the Cross Pr Dr	15 Feria
Parish community	Oxford City Council	Churches Together	Spiritual Directors	The persecuted church	Monthly requiem	Choir and musicians
16 3rd Sunday of Advent	17 Feria (O Sapientia)	18 Feria (O Adonai)	19 Feria (O Radix)	20 Feria (O Clavis)	21 Feria (O Oriens)	22 Feria (O Rex)
Parish Community	Oxford Winter Night Shelter	Assistant clergy	Sacristans and servers	Those to be ordained	Ember Day	Crisis
23 4th Sunday of Advent	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Stephen M	27 John, Ap Ev	28 Holy Innocents Ms	29 Christmas (Thomas B M)
Parish Community	Thanksgiving for the Incarnation	Thanksgiving for the Incarnation	Thanksgiving for the Incarnation	Thanksgiving for the Incarnation	Thanksgiving for the Incarnation	Thanksgiving for the Incarnation
30 Holy Family	31 Christmas					
Parish Community	Thanksgiving for the year					