



St Mary
Magdalen
OXFORD

Parish Notes

February 2018

Services

Sundays

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

Weekdays

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

St Mary Magdalen Festival Weekend - 3rd& 4th February

Please come along and invite others. Flyers are now available in church to distribute.

Saturday, Feb 3

12 noon - High Mass of Our Lady

Celebrant: Fr Christopher Chessun, Lord Bishop of Southwark

Preacher: Mthr Sarah Foot, Regius Professor of Ecclesiastical History

Followed by sandwich lunch in church.

4.30pm - Solemn Evensong and Benediction

Preacher: Fr Christopher Chessun

Featuring the reunited alumni of the St Mary Magdalen's choir

*Followed by a drinks reception and the launch of our new School of Theology.
Lord Williams of Oystermouth will speak.*

Sunday, Feb 4

10.30am - High Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, with blessing and procession of candles

Celebrant: Fr Peter Groves

Preacher: Fr Rowan Williams (Lord Williams of Oystermouth)

Scripture on Saturday

Our monthly Bible study mornings continue on Saturday 17th February, when we shall be examining Judges 5 and 6.

All are welcome, no previous experience or participation required.

Vicarage Tea

The next Vicarage Tea will take place on Wednesday, 21st February at 3.30pm at 15 Beaumont Street. This will be an opportunity for Fr Peter to talk a little about the clergy's new "School of Theology" project.

Ash Wednesday

The first day of Lent falls on 14th February. There will be a Said Mass with Imposition of Ashes at 12.15pm, and a High Mass with Imposition of Ashes at 7.30pm. Please try to make attendance at mass a priority on this solemn day.

The Way of the Cross

As is usual, we shall mark Lent with a weekly service of Stations of the Cross, followed by an address, and concluding with Benediction. These services will take place on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm, the first being on Wednesday 21st February. The theme for the addresses this year will be the Book of Judges, which we are currently studying at "Scripture on Saturday". Please consider making this part of your Lenten devotion.

Notices

Confessions before Lent

Fr Peter will be in church to hear confessions on Saturday 10th February at 12.45pm, and Tuesday 13th February at 11.30am and 5pm. Fr Barry will be in church on Wednesday 14th February (Ash Wednesday) from 11.30am. Other times are available by appointment.

School of Theology

Our “School of Theology” will aim to serve the church by providing theological resources for clergy and laity alike, through books, web publications and study days and teaching course. The website is already up and running, and can be found at www.theschooloftheology.org

Hospitality at St Mary Mags

We benefit every Sunday from the kindness of volunteers who serve coffee or other drinks, and clear and wash up afterwards. At present we have too few such people, placing an unfair burden on the existing team. If you think you could help with this simple task every few weeks, please let Fr Peter or Veronica Ellis know. This is a simple and effective way to serve our church community.

Parents Group

Our parents group exists so that parents (at any stage) can meet to get to know each other, and also reflect on parenting and faith in a supportive environment. Please contact Clare Gardom (clare.gardom@gmail.com) or Fr Peter for further details.

Oxford Winter Night Shelter

The new Oxford Winter Night Shelter, in which churches in Oxford are working together to provide housing for those experiencing homelessness during the winter months, has begun this week.

We have been paired to help out with St Clement's Church, which is hosting sleepers on Friday nights in January through to the end of March. This Friday will be their first go and they are looking for people with able backs who might be able to stop in to St Clement's on Friday night at 9.30pm and/or Saturday morning at 8am to help set up for the night and/or clean up the next morning.

Please let Fr Jarred know (jarred.mercer@merton.ox.ac.uk) if you are able to help out with this vital project, either for just this Friday evening and/or Saturday morning or on a more regular basis.

Restoration works

With the return of the organ and the hanging of the sanctuary lamps, our restoration works are practically complete.

Fundraising Appeal

Many thanks to those who have responded to our giving appeal. If you have not yet done so, please take a fundraising leaflet home from church.

Gift Aid

Are you a UK tax payer? If so, you can increase any cash donation to the church by 25% if you use a Gift Aid envelope.

Intercessions

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

Holly Ryan, Wendy Webb, Ann-Marie, Abigail, Melanie, Dan, Angela, Anna and Phoenix, Philip, Chris, Lewis, Julie, Michael, Sue Goodall, Alex Underwood, Richard Gurney, Brian, Jonathan, John Duffield, Allan Moore, Eleanor Harrison, Ian Morris, Alan Springett, Jane Thomas, William Pope, Chloe Ogden, Colin Brown, Sybilla Pfeiffer, Liam Bradshaw, Di Taylor, Tracy O'Sullivan, Abigail Bruins, William Missin, Joanna Hickie, Tony Washington-Jarvis, David Games, Charlotte Jacob-Maguire, Trevor Shakeshaft, Barbara Shakeshaft, Helen Burrows, Sidney Rutter, Rowena Mackaness, David Gostick, Kevin Timpe.

Sunday readings

Sunday 4th February: Malachi 3.1-4; Hebrews 2.14-18; Luke 2.22-32

Sunday 11th February: Leviticus 13.1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10.31-11.1; Mark 1.40-45

Sunday 18th February: Genesis 9.8-15; 1 Peter 3.18-22; Mark 1.12-15

Sunday 25th February: Genesis 22.1-2, 9-18; Romans 8.31-34; Mark 9.2-10

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Feria	2 Feria	3 (Blaise M)
				Steven, our Bishop	Justin, our Archbishop	Choir and musicians
4 Candlemas	5 Agatha, V M	6 Paul Miki and Companions M	7 Feria	8 Feria	9 Feria	10 Scholastica V
Parish Community	The persecuted church	Missionary work	Oxford Deanery	Christian Aid	Winter Night Shelter	Religious communities
11 6th Sunday of the Year	12 Feria	13 Shrove Tuesday	14 Ash Wednesday	15 Feria (Lent)	16 Feria (Lent)	17 Feria (Lent)
Parish community	Helen and Douglas House	Confessors	Penitence	Spiritual Directors	Monthly requiem	Sacristans and servers
18	19 Feria (Lent)	20 Feria (Lent)	21 Feria (Lent) anointing 6pm	22 Feria (Lent) anointing 12.15	23 Polycarp B M	24 Feria (Lent)
Parish Community	The PCC	Oxford City Council	Healing Ministry	Oxford's hospitals	Bishops	Ordinands
25	26 Feria (Lent)	27 Feria (Lent)	28 Feria (Lent)			
Parish Community	The homeless	The Gatehouse	Fr Michael Farthing			