



St Mary
Magdalen
OXFORD

Parish Notes

March 2018

Services

Sundays

Eucharist at 8am and 5.30pm,
Matins 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

Women's World Day of Prayer

2nd March

This year the service will be prepared by the women of Surinam and will take place in church at 12 noon and will be followed by light refreshments. All are welcome.

Birthday Celebrations

4th March

Fr Michael Farthing celebrates his 90th birthday on 1st March, and we will be celebrating with him after the High Mass on Sunday 4th March, when there will be an opportunity to share birthday cake and drink his health.

Schola Cantorum Concert

5th March

We are very pleased to welcome Schola Cantorum of Oxford who will be holding a concert including Parry's *Songs of Farewell*, in church on Monday 5th March at 8pm. For further details please see www.schola-cantorum.net

Mothering Sunday

11th 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.

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 the book of Judges.

These services will take place on Wednesdays 7th, 14th, 21st March and all are welcome.

Scripture on Saturday**17th March**

Our monthly Bible study mornings continue this month on Saturday, 17th March, from 10.30am in church. All are welcome, no previous experience or participation required.

Spring Sale**18th March**

There will be a sale of Easter Cards and various goodies after High Mass on Sunday, March 18th in aid of church funds. If you can make anything suitable for this, please contact Anne Dalziel, madal62@btinternet.com

Vicarage Tea**21st March**

All are welcome to tea at 15 Beaumont Street on Wednesday 21st March from 3.30pm. There will be a short talk, details to be confirmed.

Church Preparation for Easter**24th March**

There will be another cleaning session in church from 9:30am on Saturday 24th March. Please come and help out if you are free. Refreshments will be provided. If you are not currently on the cleaning mailing list, but would be able to help occasionally, please speak to Fr Peter or Susan Weavers, or email the parish office marymagsoxford9@gmail.com

Palm Sunday**25th 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.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday

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

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

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: "The Beatitudes 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

Notices

Hospitality and Church Watch 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. We also welcome any offers of church watch – both these are simple and effective ways to serve our church community.

Sandwiches for the Gatehouse

This year we have been asked to provide sandwiches for the Gatehouse on 1st April, 13th May, 24th June, 5th August, 16th September, 28th October and 9th December. Any help with making these sandwiches would be much appreciated. The Gatehouse needs us all to help them produce food so they in turn can feed the homeless, of whom we can see, there are sadly far too many on our Oxford streets.

Parish Administrator

Katie will be leaving us at Easter, and so we seek a new Parish Administrator, for 20hrs a week. Details of the post are available from the office email address, or from Fr Peter. Do speak to the wardens or Fr Peter if you would like to know more. The closing date for applications will be Sunday 11th March.

Lent Day by Day

Following their excellent Advent guide, Clare Gardom and her friend Caroline have produced a beautiful reflective Lent blog, which can be followed daily at <https://wineinthewilderness.wordpress.com/>

Annual Parochial Meeting

Our APM will take place after the High Mass on Sunday 22nd April. Please make a note of the date in your diary.

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, Sidney Rutter, Rowena Mackaness, David Gostick, Kevin Timpe, Arthur Boyd.

Sunday readings

Sunday 4th March: Exodus 20.1-17; 1 Cor 1.18-25; John 2.13-25

Sunday 11st March: 2 Chronicles 36.14-16, 19-23; Ephesians 2.4-10; John 3.14-21

Sunday 18th March: Jeremiah 31.31-34; Hebrews 5.7-9; John 12.20-33

Sunday 25th March: Isaiah 50.4-7; Philippians 2.6-11; Mark 15.1-39

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