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**First Sunday of Lent (Year B)
18th February 2024**

1st Reading – Genesis 9:8-15

Psalm – Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

2nd Reading – 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel – Mark 1:12-15

Stations of the Cross – continues this Friday 23rd February. We will meditate on the Stations of the Cross at 7pm in the church. We walk from station to station in order to relive the mystery of Our Lord's Passion and Death that He has undergone out of love for us and in order to set us free from sin.

Lectio Divina Prayer Group – The group will not meet this Monday. Next meeting is 17:30, Monday 26th February 2024, at Greyfriars Library. Gospel reading Mark: 9:2-10. Br Martin Sanderson will continue to lead future sessions as and when his ministry permits. In Br Martin's absence, Helen and Yvette will administer to the Group. For more information, email: iffleycross@gmail.com.

Four Cafe style sessions to be held on Thursdays evenings in Lent, 7.15pm for 7.30pm, in Corpus Christi parish hall, on the theme of 'Prayer and living the Catholic Life' commencing Thursday 22nd Feb. All sessions will use resources from the Catholic Sycamore Programme. Please find attached an overview flyer with full details.

Here also are details of Night prayer on Tuesdays in Lent, via Zoom....
Night Prayer via Zoom - Tuesdays in Lent at 9.30pm for 20 minutes. All are welcome to join in the peace of Compline (the Night Prayer of the Church), via

Zoom, on Tuesdays in Lent (20th, 27th Feb, 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th Mar) at 9.30pm. No need to book, just join here via Zoom: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77238078564?pwd=oPnorMNMTO8Kioa4TvKbmK4XkKfKzl.1>

The Crucifixion by John Stainer – Friday 23rd February at 7.30pm at The Oxford Oratory. Sung by the choirs of the Oxford Oratory. Tickets £15 (students £5) or book online [TINYURL.COM/ORATORY-STAINER](https://www.tinyurl.com/oratory-stainer). Please see posters in the Church porch.

Second Collection - CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent appeal on 25th February

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Please use the envelopes available in the church porch or donate online: [cafod.org.uk](https://www.cafod.org.uk).

Caritas, Social Action Network and St John of God Hospitaller Services provides refuge for those fleeing ongoing conflict in Ukraine and safeguarding the well-being of Ukrainians already residing in the UK. If you are interested in hosting please look at our website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>. Please take a prayer card available in the church porch.

Parish Finances - The parish is required to have a parish finance committee. The members of this committee are John Keown, Thelma Martin and Jane MacKay. The function of the parish finance committee is to oversee the financial management of the parish by the parish priest. Jane (who is an accountant) has prepared a summary of the financial affairs of the parish for the year to 31 December 2023 which is available in the church porch. Audited accounts will be available for the year to 31 December 2023, but usually much later in the year (around September). Key points are: that the collections at Mass, and other pastoral offerings for Masses, funerals, weddings etc. – your donations - and the gift aid reclaims that go along with these, are the most important source of finance for the parish and we are grateful for your support. Looking at the cost side, our main costs are insurance and utility costs (water, heating, electricity), along with the contribution to the friary for the provision of the parish priest. The parish is solvent but like all of you, we are seeing large increases in many of our costs and so we will continue to monitor parish finances carefully.

Oxford North Deanery Year of Prayer 2024 - monthly Deanery talks:

All sessions (except May) from 7.00pm – 8.00pm in the various Parishes/ locations indicated:

Saturday 24th February at 11am Fr. Nicholas Edmonds Smith C.O. (The Oratory);

Tuesday April 16th Br. Martin Mikuskiewicz OFM (Cap) (Greyfriars, Iffley Road);

Sunday May 12th Fr. John Seward (3.00pm SS. Gregory and Augustine, Woodstock Road);

Parish Donations

Collection Last Week: £467.45 Gift Aid: £78

St. Anthony's Bread: £21.41 Candles: £26

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish, also to those of you who also contribute on-line and via the contactless payment machine.

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially Therese O'Malley, Aline Beaupiere, Margaret Corcoran, Oonagh Clarkson, Albert Paintin, Gillian Mellor, Br. Michael Hargan, Ewan Williams, Anne Wilkinson. If you are aware of somebody in our community who is sick and in need of our prayers, please ask them to contact the parish or let us have their contact details.



Parish Safeguarding – The current team of volunteers who took on the role of Parish Safeguarding Representatives will be stepping down from the 8th March and I would like to express my gratitude to them for the service they have provided to our community. We are looking for a person(s) to volunteer their time to fill this important role of ensuring that our community is a safe space for all, especially the most vulnerable in our midst. Training will be provided for this role by the Archdiocese. If you are

interested, please speak with Br. Martin in person or email the parish ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk with your details.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Geraldine Coggins, Michael Curran, Anne Harpin. They can be contacted at: sg.ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

The Mass Times

Sunday 18th February 2024 First Sunday in Lent (Year B)		
6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Mrs Bernadette Smith	
9.00 a.m.	Thanksgiving for graces received	
11.00 a.m.	Liza, Laurie and family Int.	
5.30p.m.	Parishioners	
Monday 19th		
7.30 a.m.	Br. Ade's Int.	
Tuesday 20th		
7.30 a.m.	1) Darlene Letey 2) John Downes R.I.P.	
Wednesday 21st		
7.30 a.m.	Anne, Jimmy and family	
7.00 p.m.		
Thursday 22nd		<i>The Chair of Saint Peter</i>
7.30 a.m.	Hilda Nagyova R.I.P.	
Friday 23rd		
7.30 a.m.	Kieron Hughes	
7.00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 24th		
8.00 a.m.	Agony in the Garden Prayer Group	
6.30 p.m. (Vigil)	Parishioners	

Sacrament of Penance (Confession): Saturdays 11am-12noon, 5.30pm-6.15pm and by appointment.