



LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER
at the Oxford Oratory 2017

LENT

- Wednesday 1 March* ASH WEDNESDAY
Mass with imposition of ashes at 7:30, 10am (Sung English),
12:15pm (EF Latin), 6pm (Solemn Mass)
- Friday 3 March* YOUNG ADULTS: *Come back to me with all your heart* at 7:30pm
- Saturday 25 March* FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION
12 noon Ordination to the Diaconate of Br Oliver
- Monday 27 March* PENANCE SERVICE with individual confession at 7pm
- Wednesday 5 April* PASSIONTIDE MUSICAL ORATORY – 8pm
Choral music for Passiontide — see posters for details

SUNDAYS

Mass at 6:30pm (Saturday Vigil); 8am (EF Latin); 9:30am (Sung English);
11am (Solemn Latin) & 6:30pm; Vespers: 5:30pm; Benediction: 6pm

WEEKDAYS

Monday–Friday: Mass at 7:30 & 10am, 6pm
Saturday: Mass at 10am & 6:30pm (Vigil)
Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 5:30pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Saturdays 10:30am–6pm (Benediction at 6pm)

*Confessions are heard before every Mass
and on Saturday from 10:30–11am & 5–6:30pm*

PRAYING WITH THE CHURCH *Saturday Talks*

In the course of 2000 years, the Church has developed a great variety of spiritual traditions and ways of living out the command to 'pray at all times'. This Lent, five guest speakers (plus our own Fr Daniel) will share with us insights from their wealth of experience in their own religious orders that will help us in our own times of prayer. These talks are sure to be a help in strengthening our own Lenten practice of prayer. Talks take place on Saturdays at 11:00 in the Oratory parish centre and are open to the public. Tea and coffee available before from 10:30. See following pages for details of individual talks. (NB: talks begin the Saturday before Ash Wednesday.)

MARY'S MEALS *Lent Project*

Mary's Meals provides a meal in school for over one million children every day. It is inspired by the Magnificat: 'He has filled the hungry with good things' and is named after Our Lady. The founder of Mary's Meals, Magnus Macfarlane-Barrow, will be coming to speak in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 21 March (time t.b.c. — check newsletter). There will be collection boxes to take home at the beginning of Lent, and a second collection on Sunday 2 April. More information at www.marysmeals.org.uk

PARISH DAY OF RECOLLECTION *4 March*

A day for the whole Parish led by Fr Joseph on the first Saturday of Lent, 4 March. Begins with Mass at 10am, followed by opportunity for confessions; Saturday Talk at 11am, *A School of the Lord's Service* by Abbot Cuthbert Brogan; times of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament; talks on the theme *Entering the inner chamber of your soul*; ends with Benediction. See newsletter and posters for full details.



25 FEBRUARY

FINDING GOD IN A BUSY LIFE

St Ignatius and the Catholic spiritual tradition

Fr James Hanvey, S.J.

Master of Campion Hall, Oxford

St Ignatius founded the Society of Jesus in 1540, abandoning his career as a soldier and giving to the Church one of her most effective missionary bodies in her history. The Society's priests spread the Gospel from South America to East Asia, many giving their lives as martyrs for Christ. Find out more about St Ignatius' unique method of prayer, and how it can be a help to us today in our search for God.



4 MARCH

A SCHOOL OF THE LORD'S SERVICE
Contemplative monastic life in the Benedictine tradition

Rt Rev. Dom Cuthbert Brogan, O.S.B.
Abbot of St Michael's Abbey, Farnborough

St Benedict lived in the 6th Century and is considered to be the Father of Western monasticism, having left his Rule for those who would live the monastic ideal in community. Centred on work and prayer, Benedictine monks turn their whole life into an act of the praise of God, whether singing his praises in the psalms, or tending his creation in the field.



11 MARCH

THE SCHOOL OF ST PHILIP

The spiritual life of the Oratory

Fr Daniel Seward, Cong. Orat.
Provost of the Oxford Oratory

St Philip never really meant to found anything; the Oratory just happened in response to the needs of his age. The Oratorian priests and brothers, established to serve the laity who attended the meetings of the Oratory, still promote a spirituality designed 'to make people saints in their own homes'. St Philip's attractive and cheerful personality drew men and women into a closer friendship with Christ, and his way to holiness continues to encourage people in the world today.



18 MARCH

THE ODD LIFE OF ST NORBERT
AND HIS WHITE CANONS

Fr Stephen Morrison, O.Præm.
Subprior of St Philip's Priory, Chelmsford

The Premonstratensian Canons came into being through the conversion experience of St Norbert, who after a worldly life, came to his senses following a riding accident in 1115. Encouraged by the Pope, Norbert settled in France at Prémontré and established there a community, from which grew the Norbertine Order, still famed for its devotion to the Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin and its dignified celebration of the Liturgy.



1 APRIL

PRAYER AND PREACHING

The spiritual traditions of St Dominic's Order of Preachers

Fr Richard Finn, O.P.

Director of the Las Casas Institute

Lecturer and Tutor at Blackfriars, Oxford

St Dominic died in 1221, and left the Church a new family of friars and of nuns. The tradition of the Dominicans shows their founder to have been an attractive personality. It was said of Dominic that he liked to talk only 'to God or about God', demonstrating the charism of the Order: to pray first and then 'pass on the fruit of their contemplation' in their preaching of the Word of God.



8 APRIL

THE STILL SMALL VOICE THAT SPEAKS IN LENT

The Prophet Elijah in Carmelite Spirituality

Fr Kevin Alban, O.Carm.

Friar of Aylesford Priory, Kent

Scripture presents the prophet Elijah as a true man of God, living in God's presence and fiercely defending the worship of the One True God. He stood firm for God in his famous contest with the prophets of Baal on Mt Carmel and later was favoured with a close experience of the Living Lord in the form of a 'still small voice'. Carmelites look to Elijah as their model, and in the 12th century, hermits who had congregated on Mt Carmel instituted a new order in honour of our Lady, with a strong tradition of contemplative prayer.

HOLY WEEK

9 April

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6:30pm; EF Latin Mass: 8am; Sung English Mass: 9:30am
BLESSING OF PALMS & SOLEMN MASS at 11am
Vespers & Benediction: 5:30pm; Evening Mass: 6:30pm

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week

Mass at 7:30am, 10am & 6pm; Stations of the Cross at 10:30am

13 April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Low Mass: 12 noon (*for those unable to attend the evening Mass*)
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER at 8pm
Watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight; Compline: 11:45pm
Confessions: 11am–12 noon and before Mass

14 April

GOOD FRIDAY

Tenebræ: 9am; Children's Stations of the Cross: 11am
SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION at 3pm
Stations of the Cross: 7pm
Confessions: 10am–12 noon, 1:45–2:45pm and after the Liturgy

15 April

HOLY SATURDAY

Tenebræ: 9am
THE EASTER VIGIL at 9pm
Confessions: 10am–6pm

16 April

EASTER SUNDAY

EF Latin Mass 8am; Sung English Mass: 9:30am
SOLEMN MASS at 11am
Choral Vespers & Benediction: 5:15pm; Evening Mass: 6:30pm