



This week

Sun 3 Dec Advent I
Mon 4 Dec Feria/St John Damascene
Tue 5 Dec St Birinus
Wed 6 Dec St Nicholas
Thur 7 Dec St Ambrose
Fri 8 Dec Immaculate Conception
Sat 9 Dec Feria/St Juan Diego
Cuahatlatoazin

Mass times

Sunday

8am (EF), 9:30am (Sung English),
11am (Sung Latin), 6:30pm

Monday–Friday

7:30am, 10am, 6pm

Saturday

10am, 6:30pm (Sun. Vigil)

Confessions

Sun–Fri 20 mins before each Mass
Saturdays 9–10am & 5:30–6:30pm

Other services

Vespers and Benediction

Sunday 5pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 5–6pm
Saturday 5:30–6:15pm

Live-stream

Sunday 8am, 9:30am, 11am, 5pm
Mon–Fri 6pm
Saturday 10am

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Music at the Solemn Mass

Mass for four voices *Byrd*
Ad te levavi animam mea *Palestrina*
Vigilate *Byrd*

Clergy

Fr Nicholas Edmonds-Smith *Provost*
Fr Dominic Jacob
Fr Oliver Craddock
Fr Benedict Manning
Fr Rupert Allen
Br Vincent Elvin
Br Clement Gehlen
Br Ambrose Magier

The Immaculate Conception

This Friday is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the principal patron of the Oratory here in Oxford. There will be a **Solemn Mass** at 6pm on Friday, with guest preacher Mgr Andrew Burnham.

The **novena** in preparation for the feast continues this evening after Vespers and at 6:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The choir will join us for **Solemn Vespers** on Thursday at 6:30pm. On Friday, there will be **sung Lauds** at 8am, the school will be present for a **Sung Mass** at 10am, and there will be an additional Mass at 12:15pm in the Extraordinary Form.

There will be an **Advent Musical Oratory** with the parish choir on Wednesday 13 December at 6:30pm.

The annual **Rorate Mass** sung by candlelight in honour of Our Lady is on Saturday 16 December at 7am.

Our **Christmas Carol Service** with the Oratory Choir will take place at 8pm on Wednesday 20 December.

CONFESSIONS are heard before all Masses, now including the 9:30 Mass on Sundays again.

CAFE NERI is open after all morning Masses on Sunday. Join us for coffee, cakes, drinks and a warm welcome.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS The Oratory Bookshop now has our range of Advent and Christmas items for sale including gifts, seasonal books and nativity scenes. This year's Oratory Christmas Cards with beautiful religious images and the 2024 Oratory Calendar are also for sale. Make sure to buy yours before they are gone!

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES There are forms at the back of church to register your child for First Communion in the summer. Classes begin in the New Year.

MEN'S ORATORY meets this Wednesday, 6 December, for a talk on fatherhood. Open to people of all ages and backgrounds, this is a great way to meet like-minded Catholics, to deepen our understanding of our faith and to spend time in prayer together. Cafe Neri is open for the beginning of the meeting. There is a talk and discussion lasting around 30 minutes, concluding with a time of prayer in church. Meetings begin at 7:45pm in the parish centre and end around 9pm. **WOMEN'S ORATORY** next meets on Tuesday 12 December, and **ORATORY YOUNG ADULTS** returns in the New Year.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets in the Fathers' Library every Saturday after the 10am Mass and Devotions to look at the readings for the next day. All welcome. Bring a bible or a Sunday missal.

ORATORY BOOK CLUB next meets on Tues 12 Dec for *Scripture Wars* by Rod Bennett.

COOK WANTED The Fathers are looking for a cook for three evenings per week (Thursday, Friday and Sunday). For more information, please speak to Fr Benedict.

OF YOUR CHARITY please pray for the sick and housebound, including Paul Conway, Maureen Dalton, Nick Quartley and Evelyn Watkin, for those who have died recently, especially Dominic Welsh, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Kathleen del Nevo, Michael McCallum-Toppin, Nora Drummond, Eugene Lynch, Elizabeth Briscoe, Thomas Brown, Sean Lynch, Michael Lawson, and Fr Joseph Paul of this parish.

LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS brought in £2,549, approx. £2.83 per head. We are able to claim an additional £147 gift aid out of a potential £637. We missed out on up to 77% of the gift aid we could be claiming.

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