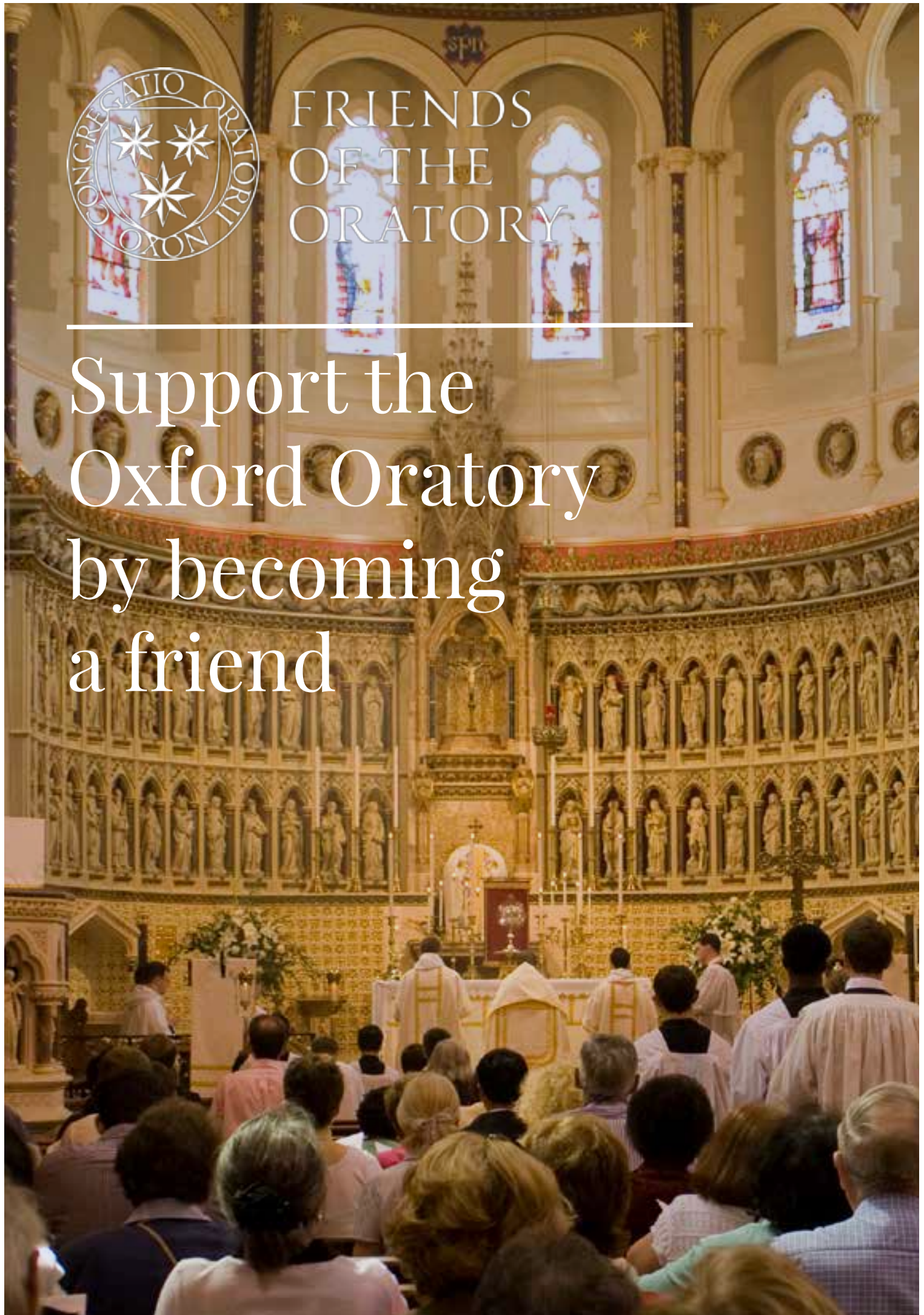




FRIENDS
OF THE
ORATORY

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Oxford Oratory
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A vibrant centre of Catholic life

The Oxford Oratory is something of a beacon of Catholic life in the UK. Our Church is open 7am to 7pm daily, with several Masses and times for confession each day. We have a thousand people attending our services each weekend and we attract a wide range of people of all ages and from every walk of life. A lot happens here and we want you to be part of it. Perhaps you are currently an active congregant at the Oratory? Once were but have now moved on to pastures new? Becoming a Friend means you are part of the Oratory family wherever you are, and you help to make all this happen.



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Faithful to our tradition

The issues of St Philip's Rome were not vastly different from those of our own city. We're faithful to the spirit and the method of St Philip and to our Oratorian tradition in winning souls for Christ which was passed down to us by St John Henry Newman, our Cardinal. It is said that where other orders fished with a net, St Philip fished with a line. Friendship was key to his mission and it is still key to the Oratory today. People who are new to the Oxford Oratory have remarked that it is a very friendly place to come to Church, and that the traditional Catholicism they find here does not conform to the dusty stereotype. By prayerful support and fundraising, the Friends of the Oratory help the Fathers keep that tradition alive.



Forming all sorts of people in the faith

There is no 'type' of person who frequents the Oratory in Oxford, and anyone is welcome. For 30 years we have guided countless people in the faith, very often the young, and they have gone on to live that faith with dedication and joy wherever they find themselves. Many have expressed a desire to keep in touch because they miss what they found here. The Friends of the Oratory is a wonderful way for you to continue to be part of life at the Oratory wherever you are and to help us keep forming new generations of Catholics.

Using beauty to speak of the things of God

Beauty has a captivating language of its own and the Church has traditionally used it to communicate something of the beauty of God and the beauty of a virtuous life. From the liturgy and its music to the vestments and the decoration of our buildings, we do our best to put beauty at the service of the faith. We want to do more. In the coming years as we make our church even more beautiful, by becoming a Friend of the Oratory you would be seizing the opportunity to be part of a lasting legacy, inspiring generations to come, and making this house of prayer truly worthy of its name.

Worship is the heartbeat of the Oratory

All of our work is directed to the worship of God in our church. Nothing is more important than this. The daily round of Masses, the Oratory prayers of the Fathers and those who pop in to light a candle – they all make the Oratory live up to its name as a place set apart for prayer. This heartbeat of worship leads us to God and, we hope, to heaven. The Friends are included in prayers and Masses for their intentions and receive advance notice of events and pilgrimages. By their generosity, the Friends of the Oratory are part of what helps to keep this heart beating.



An investment in faith

Music has always played a major part in the Oratory, and today we are blessed to have outstanding sacred music, performed by some of the finest musicians around. Excellence, however, comes at a cost. We invest in our music because it is an important tool of evangelisation. By becoming a Friend today you are leading the way in helping people have a unique experience that leads them closer to God, and are keeping this cornerstone of Catholic life and culture alive.

Types of Membership

(Renewed annually)

Student Friend Membership	£15
Standard Friend Membership	£30
Gold Friend Membership	£100

Benefits of Membership

All members of the Friends receive a number of special benefits, including our twice-yearly Friends' newsletter and invitations to a range of exclusive events. All Friends are remembered at a weekly Mass for benefactors.

In addition, Gold Members receive advance notice of all events, as well as events and tours reserved for Gold Friends.

Gift Aid

If you are a UK tax payer, we can increase your donation by 25% at no extra cost to you. Please consider gift-aiding your membership donation.

Privacy Notice

The personal data that you provide on this form will be held securely by the Oxford Oratory. If you choose to Gift Aid your donation we will need to share your name and address with HMRC. We will not keep your personal information for longer than necessary. We must keep Gift Aid declarations for 6 years after the end of the accounting period it relates to. Full details on how your data is held and used, are set out in our privacy policy available upon request or online at oxfordoratory.org.uk/friends. If at any time you wish to change the fact of, extent of, or use of your personal data, or you no longer wish to receive any communications from us, please contact us at friends@oxfordoratory.org.uk

Join today

You can join the Friends today at oxfordoratory.org.uk/friends or alternatively complete the form below to receive a membership pack.



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Please complete and return this form to:

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I wish to become a Friend of the Oratory (please tick):

Student (£15 pa)

Standard (£30 pa)

Gold (£100pa)

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