



This week

Sun 5 Dec	Second Sunday of Advent
Mon 6 Dec	St Nicholas
Tue 7 Dec	St Ambrose
Wed 8 Dec	The Immaculate Conception of the BVM
Thur 9 Dec	St Juan Diego
Fri 10 Dec	St Edmund Gennings/ Our Lady of Loreto
Sat 11 Dec	Pope St Damasus I

Mass Times

Sunday

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

Monday–Friday

7:30am, 10am, 6pm

Saturday

7am, 10am, 6:30pm (Sun. Vigil)

Confessions

Sundays 20 mins before 8am & 6:30pm
Mon–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 5:30–6:30pm

Live-stream

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

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Music at the Solemn Mass

Missa Veni Domini	<i>Lobo</i>
Vigilate	<i>Byrd</i>
Audivi vocem	<i>Lobo</i>

Clergy

Fr Nicholas Edmonds-Smith *Provost*
Fr Dominic Jacob
Fr Joseph Welch
Fr Oliver Craddock
Fr Benedict Manning

The Immaculate Conception

This Wednesday is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the principal patron of the Oratory here in Oxford. We will celebrate with special solemnity this Wednesday when we welcome the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, to celebrate the Solemn Pontifical Mass for us at 6pm.

The novena in preparation for the feast continues this evening after Vespers and at 6:30pm on Monday. The choir will join us for Solemn Vespers on Tuesday at 6:30pm. There will be sung Lauds on Wednesday at 7am, and an additional Mass at 12:15pm in the Extraordinary Form.

Advent

With celebrations of the Immaculate Conception complete, we can turn more attention to Advent. There will be an **Advent Musical Oratory** on Friday at 6:30pm. Join us for hymns, readings and choral music with the parish choir.

Our annual **Rorate Mass** takes place the next day, Saturday 11 December at 7am. This sung Mass celebrated just before the dawn in a candlelit church makes the most of shorter days to help prepare us for the dawn of Christ at Christmas.

On the same day, Saturday 11 December, in place of separate meetings of Oratory for men and for women, there will be one big **Advent Oratory** meeting at 4pm in church. All are welcome for a discussion on an Advent theme followed by a short time of prayer.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY Pope St John Paul II began the tradition on the Third Sunday of Advent of inviting the children of Rome to bring the little statues of the baby Jesus (*bambinelli*) from their Christmas cribs at home to St Peter's Square for a special blessing. Bring your *bambinelli* next week to be blessed after any of the Sunday Masses. Take it home and place it in a gift box, wrap it, and save it for Christmas. Then on Christmas Day, make sure this is the present your family opens first. *Bambinelli* are currently on sale in the Oratory Bookshop!

CHRISTMAS PRESENT APPEAL We were too late this year for the usual Shoebox Appeal, but we are able to support the Oxford Gatehouse. They are asking for boxes of (non-alcoholic) chocolates, socks and underpants to make up Christmas gifts for those who use the Gatehouse each week. Please bring the items to the Porter's Lodge.

CAFE NERI is open after the 9:30 & 11am Mass each Sunday. Join us for espresso coffee, delicious cakes and a warm welcome.

ORATORY BOOK CLUB Tue 14 Dec at 8pm for *The Leopard* by Giuseppe di Lampedusa.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE Our annual Christmas Carol service will take place on Wednesday 22 December at 8pm.

OF YOUR CHARITY please pray for the sick and housebound, including Fiona Brett, Maureen Dalton, Tony Lally, Noah and Jemima Purcell, John Frampton, Gill Kelly, Christopher Browne, Rose Apps, Angele Kangni, Barbara Frost, Alexander Hannaford, James Allan, Nick Quartley, Roger Anson, Paul Conway & Paddy Summerfield, for those who have died recently, especially Colette Reid, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Walter Hooper, Thomas Brown, Sean Lynch, Michael Lawson, Joseph Dillon, Terry Breach, Betty Seward, John & Joan Curran & Fr Joseph Paul of this parish.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION came to £1631 (cash: £732, online: £504, contactless: £395). Thank you.

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