

Please pray for those who have recently died: Joseph Igwe Ovia.

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in May: Margaret Carton, Margaret Crowe, Pam regan, Larry King, Pamela Denning and Patrick McNally

Memorial list: If you would like a deceased family member or friend to be remembered in the bulletin during the month of the anniversary of their death please email their name to: stanthonyop.oxford@rcaob.org.uk.

Please contact the Parish Office with the names of those to be included whose deaths occurred in the month of May. There is no need to do so if their names were on the list in 2021.

Online prayer & faith resources. A range of resources is given on our parish website stanthonyofpadua.org.uk/resources/.

Keeping in touch. We send a weekly *Bulletin* by email: please let us know if you would like to join our email list and forward the bulletin to anybody who may be interested. We have a *WhatsApp* group. Let Shalini Lalvani know (via the parish email address) if you would like to join, and follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/stanthonyofpadua)

Quo Vadis? (Where are you going?)

A series of **three Zoom sessions** for **university students** on the theme of **discernment**, including a presentation on the life of the *beatus* (blessed) by a *speaker working within university chaplaincy*, followed by a *time of prayer*.

- **Tues. 10th May – Bl. Carlo Acutis** by Mgr. Marl Crisp (Wolverhampton University Chaplaincy)
- **Mon. 16th May – Bl. Chiara Badano** by Alvea Fernandes (Oxford University Chaplaincy)
- **Thurs. 26th May – Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati** by Fr. Ray Corbett (Aston University Chaplaincy)

Sessions run 8:00 - 8:45 p.m. For more information and to register for Zoom links, visit: www.vocations.org.uk/quo-vadis

Christian imagination in Wales: This event, led by Rowan Williams, is on Saturday 14th May 2022. Tickets are via Eventbrite for both 'at-venue' (St Michael at the North Gate, Oxford) and 'streamed/recordings'. More info and tickets can be found at:

<https://www.ocsg.uk.net/events/christian-imagination-wales-reflective-study-day-rowan-williams>

Date for your diary:

Pilgrimage to MEDJUGORJE. 26th September –3rd October 2022. £695 half board. Flights from Gatwick. For details contact Joseph: 07748638402 or Kirsten: 07538147505 or Lisa: 07896946039

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil reader	Jane Kennett	BillMansell
Sunday Readers: 8:30 am	Hilary Lappage	Rajesh Paul
10:00 am	May Macpherson	Ify Iyi
Altar Flowers	Kit Adlington	Mary Mugo

And thank youTo Mary G for leading the rosary after the morning Mass during May.

To Noah who has joined the reading rota for the 8:30am Sunday Mass, and to Philip, Jane H and Paul who have all offered to stand in for absent readers.

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8th May 2022
4th Sunday of Easter Year C



REFLECTION

The image of a shepherd and his sheep is not familiar to us living in the city because we don't have shepherds herding their sheep across our streets. But driving to the countryside would give us the chance of seeing what they look like. One notices some kind of unwritten covenant between the shepherd and the sheep – there is a bonding between them. One sees this relationship especially in the way he calls them and they respond to shepherd's call, taking care of the weak ones that may not be able to keep up with the pace of others. He curdles them and carries them on his shoulder as if they are children. He searches for greener pasture for the sheep. And he defends them against any danger. When the sheep and the shepherd are faithful to the terms of the unwritten covenant, all goes well for the sheep. But if the shepherd is a hired man and not the owner, he may breach his own part of the covenant and that smells disaster for the sheep especially when dangerous animal attacks and scatters the sheep.

Jesus is the shepherd and we are his sheep. He has carried out his own part of the covenant. He goes every length of the way to make sure he gives us life. He died for us on the cross to save us from the danger of satan and sin that threaten our existence. We need to keep our part of the covenant for our relationship to last long.

We need to hear him whenever he calls. He calls us every time to prevent us from going astray. Even when we go astray he calls us to come back. Unfortunately, we listen only when we want to listen. Because we are too busy with a lot of noise around us that we don't hear him calling. We are too preoccupied with our own worries or difficulties, that instead of transferring those difficulties to him we allow them to weigh us down. But Jesus the good shepherd keeps asking us to have confidence in him and follow his lead.

The Church celebrates vocations Sunday today that like Paul and Barnabas, the good shepherd calls some people as priests and religious to preach and help people hear God's call.

Today's Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100; Revelation 7:9,14-17; John 10:27-30

Responsorial Psalm: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 144; Apocalypse 21:1-5; John 13:31-35.

NOTICES:

SECOND COLLECTIONS: There will be a second collection this weekend for the Clergy Training Fund, and for Christian Aid on the weekend of May 14th/15th.

CARITAS NOTICES: Following the pandemic, many households are facing new hardships as prices rise. CSAN, the Catholic agency addressing poverty and injustice in 20England and Wales, has released a booklet to increase the awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, Download it from www.csan.org.uk. Caritas is also in close dialogue with the UK govt. on responding to the war in Ukraine. Guidance on how Catholic households and groups can support refugees is available from <https://www.csan.org.uk/ukraine/> Copies are available at the back of church.

COVID REGULATIONS: The updated guidelines from the archdiocese (published on 28.02.22) can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=b6b2aea0-4143-498f-b16a-ca34c54252c6>

MASS IN THE JOHN RADCLIFFE: Mass will be celebrated for staff, patients and parishioners in the hospital Chapel every Wednesday at 1:00pm.

CAFOD's EDUCATION PROGRAMME: Do you enjoy working with children and young people? If so. You are invited to be part of CAFOD's education programme which inspires students to act on their sense of justice. A background in education isn't necessary. We are looking for people with good interpersonal skills, an interest in CAFOD's work and who can connect well with young people. You will be asked to go into Catholic schools in the locality to deliver prepared assemblies and/or workshops about once a term. All necessary training, travel expenses and resources will be provided, and you will have the ongoing friendship and support of a local team. Please get in touch with Deborah at northampton@cafod.org.uk. **John Barker would be happy to discuss the role with anyone who is interested.**

FOOD BANK: The food bank is particularly short of shampoo, shower gel and men's deodorant. Donations can be brought to church at either of the public weekend Masses and placed in the box at the back of church. Any non-perishable food goods are welcome, especially tea, coffee, sugar, pasta, rice and tinned vegetables and fruit. The pandemic continues to have an impact on the financial situation of many people so please give generously.

Mass intentions or the names of those for whom you would like us to pray should be sent to the Parish Office address by email or phone (01865 762964 or 07484 271876) by 10am Sunday one full week in advance for guaranteed inclusion.

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the parish: Fr John Baggley, Pat Hodgson, Elizabeth Johnson, Frank and Helen Kennedy, Margaret Wipp, Maureen O'Sullivan, and Gordon Robson.

Offertory Contribution: In addition to the weekly envelope offerings and the card reader there are other ways to contribute to the parish. If you do online banking, consider a monthly gift by Standing Order. You can set it up yourself or request for a Bank Standing Order form for you to complete and return to us or send directly to your bank.

Mass times:

Mass is celebrated on Sunday at 8:30am and 10:00am. There is a Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6:30pm preceded at 5:45pm by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions. Weekday Masses are at 9:00am and 6:30pm.

The rosary will be recited after the 9:00am weekday masses during the month of May.

Last Sunday Collection

First collection	Total
Loose Collection	£312.38
Gift Aid Envelopes	£32.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£55.00
Online giving via website	£100.00
Total	£499.38
Votive candles	£104.59

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 7th May	Easter Feria	9:00am	Donor's INT
	Vigil Mass	6:30pm	Patrick McNally (Patsy), RIP*
Sunday 8th May	4th Sunday of Easter.	8.30am	Donor's INT
		10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 9th May	Easter Feria	9:00am	
		6:30pm	
Tuesday 10th May	Easter Feria	9:00am	
		6:30pm	Filomeno Da Cruz Martins, RIP*
Wednesday 11th May	Easter Feria	9:00am	
		1:00pm	JR Hospital
Thursday 12th May	Easter Feria	9:00am	
		6:30pm	
Friday 13th May	Easter Feria	9:00am	Pamela Denning, RIP*
		6:30pm	
Saturday 14th May	St Matthias	9:00am	
	Vigil Mass	6:30pm	Phelim Brady, RIP*
Sunday 15th May	5th Sunday of Easter	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Deceased Member of Conlon Family*

Gift-Aid: If you pay Income Tax in the UK, please consider Gift-Aiding your donation to the parish. In this scheme the government give the church extra 25p on every pound you give. Example: if any taxpayer gives the church £100 donation for the year, the church will claim from the government extra £25 without any extra cost to the person. It's like giving £125 by that person. Help the Church to get the extra cash from the government. Please ask for the gift-aid form or bank standing order form. Forms are available at the back of the Church.

SANCTUARY LIGHT OFFERINGS: A reminder that an offering can be made for the sanctuary light to be dedicated to your intention for a week, which would be noted in the bulletin. Forms are available at the back of church.