

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 June. 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.

- **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

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	Ann Robson	Agnes Valencak
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Georges Yindom	Noah Odili
10:00 am	Edmund Henry	Michael Onobhayedo
Altar Flowers	Shalini Lalvani	Lidia Molinska

And thank you

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22nd May 2022

6th Sunday of Easter Year C



REFLECTION

The Church has always shown solidarity because the poor and underprivileged. The government and us give migrants a lot of restrictions, a lot of burden that they can't meet just as they seek greener pastures around the world. The research carried out by St Edmund's College, Cambridge – The Ground of Justice – says this migrants are generally underpaid, they can't afford a decent accommodation and the government is also refusing to give them papers therefore they find it difficult to feel at home. One Catholic Archbishop once said: "It is no longer possible for a small group of countries to enjoy their wealth in solitude and think the poor will not spoil the party." To establish Justice in those developing countries will inevitably guarantee peace in the world.

The early Christian community faced a similar problem when the Jewish converts insisted that the pagan converts must keep the Jewish customs and traditions before being accepted into full Christianity. They saddle them with burdens. The pagans saw this as discrimination, after all, faith in Jesus is sufficient for salvation. The first council of the Church held in Jerusalem had to decide how Christians from different cultures should relate to one another. They wrote: It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood – from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication.

New members may be welcomed into some communities but they are not allowed access to the inner life of the community. Why? Because the old members don't want them to come and change things. You even hear some old members of the Church: we have been doing it this way since I was born.

God wants everyone to discover him. God wants to make his home with everyone. People are moving around in pursuit of Happiness that only God can give, let us not saddle them with burdens, they have given up so much to believe or to be here, we should rather assist them to discover the God they are looking for.

Today's Reading: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29; Ps 66; Rev 21:10-14; John 14:23-29.

Responsorial Psalm: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Next Sunday: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 96: Apoc 22:12-14, 16-17, 20.

Mass Times:

Mon—Fri 9.00am.; 6.30pm

Saturday: 9a.m; **Eve:** 6.30pm

Sunday: 8.30am; 10am

Adoration & Confession

Saturday 5.30—6.15p.m.

NOTICES:

NO MASS: on Friday morning at 9a.m. But there is evening Mass at 6.30p.m.

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

SUNDAY OBLIGATION: The Bishop's Conference has decided that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass (suspended since the onset of the Covid epidemic), will be reintroduced from Pentecost Sunday (5th June).

DEAR ST ANTHONY'S FAMILY. We all know that our St Anthony's Church community has been going through some challenging times recently. Father Emmanuel has agreed to us inviting you all to join in with a quick daily prayer for the reconciliation and healing of our spiritual family. The idea is that wherever we are at 7pm each day, we stop and say one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be. If we can't manage every day it doesn't matter and if we can't manage 7pm, before or after will be fine; God is not limited by time! Deep healing can take time so we are suggesting that we do this for a year, starting now. May God bless us and keep us all in His love – Jenny and Jane H.

CANCELLATION OF EVENING MASS: Starting 1st June, the 6.30pm Mass on Monday to Friday will be discontinued. It was started during the pandemic. It is time to end it unless it is absolutely necessary.

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>

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.

Last Sunday Collection

First collection	Total
Loose Collection	£257.16
Gift Aid Envelopes	£25.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£45.00
Online giving via website	£5.00
Total	£332.16
Votive candles	£46.81

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 21st May	Easter Feria	9:00am	Donor's INT*
	Vigil Mass	6:30pm	Paul Feaver, RIP*
Sunday 22nd May	6th Sunday of Easter.	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Erlinda Tianio, RIP*
Monday 23rd May	Easter Feria	9:00am	Donor's INT*
		6:30pm	Donor's INT*
Tuesday 24th May	Easter Feria	9:00am	Donor's INT*
		6:30pm	Martinho Nadeira & Filomeno da Cruz Martins, RIP
Wednesday 25th May	St Bede	9:00am	Donor's INT*
		1:00pm	JR Hospital
		6:30pm	Donor's INT*
Thursday 26th May	The Ascension of Our Lord	9:00am	Honorata Santiago, RIP
		6:30pm	Donor's INT*
Friday 27th May	Easter Feria	9:00am	Donor's INT*
		6:30pm	Donor's INT*
Saturday 28th May	Easter Feria	9:00am	Donor's INT*
	Vigil Mass	6:30pm	Donor's INT*
Sunday 29th May	7th Sunday of Easter	8.30am	Donor's INT*
		10.00am	People of the Parish

The second collection for **Christian Aid** last weekend raised £166.44.

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.