

**Please pray for those who have recently died:** Anthomy Baquiran whose funeral will take place on Tuesday 9th August at 11.30am. His body will be received the evening before at 5.30pm.

**...and for those whose anniversaries occur in July:** Donald Holifield, Billy Mundersley, Eleen McNally, Billy Munnely, Bob, Peggy Clarke and Prisca Magno Rodrigues.

**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](mailto: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 August.** 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/](http://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)

#### 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

#### And thank you.....

... to all who helped make Julia Taylor's requiem so beautiful. I am sure all our efforts were appreciated by her mother and family.

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil reader	Bill Mansell	Ann Robson
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Noah Odili	May Macpherson
10:00 am	Jane Hollely	Edmund Henry
Altar Flowers	Mary Mogu	Lidia Molinska

## St Anthony of Padua, Oxford

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24th July 2022

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C



#### REFLECTION

##### Prayer, a sign of friendship with God

Late arrivals has been part of our journeys for ages. In those days in Palestine and even here, it might be difficult to get an opened restaurant after midnight and one is very hungry. In such a situation one has no other choice but to knock at the door of a friend. People now live in one to five-bedroom flat or house, but in the time of Jesus, a whole family of four or five: father mother and three children lived happily in one room. Just the thought of going to your friend to wake them up at that odd hour of the night when you know that a knock at their door may wake up and disturb the whole family in that single room just for a plate of food would unsettle one's mind. Supposing one member of the family has problem with sleep and cannot get back to bed once their sleep is disturb would make you think twice. You hesitate, weighing the awkwardness of imposing yourself against the exasperation your friend will surely show. Finally, rousing all your boldness, you knock.

Many of us experience a strong social instinct to be 'low maintenance,' to avoid ruffling feathers or putting undue pressure on those around us. This desire comes from a good place. We want to love people, not burden them. But in today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we should have no such hesitation in our relationship with God because God does not hesitate in his own relationship with us. In the book of Genesis where, having entertained the three men, God decided to reveal to Abraham his mission to Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham found himself making intercession for a city full of evil. Troubled by the idea of God punishing innocent with the guilty in that city, he began to bargain with God. Prayer helps to purify one's mind to be sensitive to the needs of others and to see others as God sees them.

The man pestering his friend is our model of unembarrassed petition. And when his request is not immediately granted, he is not discouraged but continues pestering. Our heavenly father loves nothing more than having his children petitions. St Paul says to the Colossians that a Christian is one who, through baptism has become a part of the body of Christ. And being in Christ, we are not afraid to approach him.

**Today's Readings: Genesis 18:20-32; Ps137; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13.**

**Responsorial Psalm: On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.**

**Next Sunday: Eccles1:2;2:21-23; Ps 94; Colossians 3:1-5,9-11; Luke 12:13-21**

#### Mass Times:

**Mon—Fri** 9.00am.

**Saturday:** 9am; **Vigil** 6.30pm

**Sunday:** 8.30am; 10am

**Adoration & Confession**

**Saturday** 5.30—6.15p.m.

## NOTICES:

**PART TIME POSITION IN PARISH OFFICE:** We need part time help in the parish office (6 flexible hours/week). £11/hour. General admin work. Job description available from parish office and more details from Fr Emmanuel.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH CAR PARK:** If you could spare some time to help monitor the correct use of the carpark for an hour or so a week please contact one of the priests for more information. The volunteers are needed during the working day, but the exact timings would be flexible. At the moment this duty is being fulfilled by a single individual and so please help if you can.

**RCIA (Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults):** If you are discerning to become Catholic: maybe you have not been baptised at all or baptised in Church of England (Anglican) or already baptised in the Catholic church but has not received the sacrament of confirmation, you may want to join our RCIA programme. Please contact Fr Emmanuel.

**YOUNG ADULT EVENT:** On Friday 29th July-Sunday 31st July the Carmelite Priory of St John of the Cross are running a Young Adult event targeted at ages 25-35. this will be both in person at the Oxford Priory and also online.

Booking can be done online: <https://www.carmelite.uk.net/retreats/encounter-festival/>.

More details are available on flyers at the back of church. Enquiries to Kate on 07933765367.

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

**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 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.

## Last Sunday Collection

First collection	Total
Loose Collection	£202.76
Gift Aid Envelopes	£24.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£241.00
Online giving via website	£15.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£482.76</b>
Votive candles	£81.59

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 23rd July	St Bridget	9:00am	For Jobless People, For Peace in the Family, INT
	Vigil Mass	6:30pm	Donor's INT
Sunday 24th July	17th Sunday Ordinary Time	8:30pm	Theodor de Souza & Ema Maria da Cuwha, RIP
		10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 25th July	St James	9:00am	Donor's INT
Tuesday 26th July	St Joachim and St Anne	9:00am	Julia Taylor, RIP
Wednesday 27th July	Weekday Feria	9:00am	Donor's INT
		1.00pm	J R Chapel
Thursday 28th July	Weekday Feria	9:00am	Prisca Magno Rodrigues RIP 1st Anniv
Friday 29th July	St Martha, St Mary and St Lazarus	9:00am	Prisca Magno Rodrigues RIP 1st Anniv
Saturday 30th July	Weekday Feria	9:00am	Donor's INT
	Vigil Mass	6:30pm	Heldgald Basiima, Pulikeria, RIP
Sunday 31st July	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Julia Taylor RIP
		10.00am	People of the Parish

**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 tax-payer 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.