

Please pray for those who have recently died: Sr. Mary Amicia

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in September: Kathleen Marshall, John Szewczyk, Heriberto Carreon, Patrick Denning, Moira Redfern, Ann Ashfield

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 September. There is no need to do so if their names were on the list in 2021/22.

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)

Men's Group. We are an informal and welcoming group for prayer, fellowship, faith and food among men who regularly attend Mass at St Anthony's (whether Catholic or not) and their invited guests. We meet 2nd Wed of each month from 7.30pm; prayer and dinner always included. No commitment! See our blog and sign up to the mailing list here: <https://tinyurl.com/mens-group>, or contact Ed Smith: men.stanthony@gmail.com | 07897194483.

Hall bookings - Please email stanthonyop.oxford@rcaob.org.uk for hall availability.

Mass Intentions: or the names of those for whom you would like us to pray should be sent to the Parish Office. The envelopes are available at the back. If you want your intention to be published in the bulletin, drop the intention and donation in the letter box by Thursday.

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the parish: Fr John Baggley, Elizabeth Johnson, Frank and Helen Kennedy, Margaret Wipp, Maureen O'Sullivan, Lorraine McNally, Peter Donnelly and Lilian Flores.

Dates for your diary...

Third Thursdays Together Ecumenical Fellowship at Marston United Reformed Church. Each day will start at 11am with a break for lunch between 12pm and 1pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Cup-a-soup provided. The church is fitted with a hearing loop and parking is available. All welcome. Please see noticeboard at back of church for further details.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje and Italy, October 1st - 9th 2023. 8 nights, £1,300. Details on poster at back of church.

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil reader	Ann Robson	Agnes Valencak
Sunday Readers: 8:30 am	Hilary Lappage	Melissa Fernandes
10:00 am	Ewa Posner	Geoff O'Donoghue
Eucharistic ministers (10am)	Mary, Eugene, Derek	Ewa, John, Eugene

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10th September 2023

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



The people of Israel's disloyalty to God resulted in their conquest and captivity by Babylon. While in exile in Babylon, God called one of them, Ezekiel, to prophesy to them. In the first reading, God spoke to Ezekiel, "I have appointed you a watchman for the house of Israel..."

In the same way, God has appointed each one of us to watch over one another and to be one another's keeper. Watching over one another and speaking truth to one another are acts of love. St. Paul says to the Romans: "Owe no one anything, except to love one another... Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilment of the law" (13:8-10). We are not appointed to fight and destroy one another. Rulers and leaders are appointed to watch over the citizens; not to neglect, abandon, mistreat, abuse, starve, or devour them. Let no one be like Cain who murdered his brother and questioned God, "Am I my brother's keeper?" (Gen 4:9).

God calls us to speak the truth of the gospel to one another and to save one another. God says, "If you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I shall require from your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity, but you will have saved your life." St. James writes, "Remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover a multitude of sins" (5:20). Therefore, God has not called us to keep silent in the face of evil or to rumour, gossip, slander each other. Dietrich Bonhoeffer says, "Silence in the face of evil is evil: God will not hold us guiltless."

In today's gospel, Jesus further teaches us another act of love. It is reconciling with one another. It takes a lot of humility and patience to follow the four steps to reconciliation that Jesus commanded. Step one: Don't presume, don't rumour, don't gossip, don't hold grudges, don't malign or slander. Go to the person and speak up your grievances. Unforgiveness, bitterness, and hate render our gathering, binding, loosening, and prayer inefficacious.

Mass Times:

Mon—Fri 9.00am.

Saturday: 9am; Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday: 8.30am; 10am

Adoration & Confession

Saturday 5.30—6.15p.m.

Today's Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Ps 94; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Next Sunday: Ecc 27:30 - 28:7; Ps 102; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

NOTICES:

The Diocesan Education Service is recruiting for a Director of Education. Details for this role can be found on both the Diocesan Education Service www.bdes.org.uk/vacancies and the Archdiocese www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk websites. The closing date is Monday 18th September. Please make anybody you feel may be qualified and interested aware of this important position within the Archdiocese.

Men's Group: returns this Wed 13th September from 7.30pm. Prayer in church, followed by dinner in the hall. We're looking for a new person/people to coordinate men's group and will be discussing that over dinner too – new faces especially welcome. Please get in touch if you would like a lift. RSVP Ed Smith men.stanthony@gmail.com/07897194483. See our blog and sign up to the mailing list here: <https://tinyurl.com/mens-group>

Thank you - the Spiritans would like to offer their sincere thanks and gratitude to all parishioners for their kind generosity in response to the mission appeal. The monies received will greatly increase their ability to bring Christ to the poorest and the most neglected.

Second collection - There will be a second collection this week for Catholic Education Service.

Last weeks offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose Collection	£311.75
Gift Aid Envelopes	£15.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£190.00
Online giving via website	£00.00
Total	£516.75
Votive candles	£79.49

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 09th Sept	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Donors INT
	Vigil Mass	6:30pm	Paul Feaver RIP
Sunday 10th Sept	Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Donors INT
		10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 11th Sept	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Mathew on his 10th birthday
Tuesday 12th Sept	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Donors INT
Wed 13th Sept	Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9:00am	Donors INT
Thursday 14th Sept	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	9:00am	Donors INT
Friday 15th Sept	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows	9:00am	Gone astray from the church
Saturday 16th Sept	Memorial of Ss Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	9:00am	Donors INT
	Vigil Mass	6:30pm	Félix Barreto & family
Sunday 17th Sept	Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Donors INT
		10.00am	Donors INT

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.

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.