

Please pray for those who have recently died: John Billington

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in November: Patricia Kirwan, Brendan McNally, Mary Murphy, Margaret Denning, Pat Deeley

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 November. 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)

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, Lilian Flores, Doreen Busby and Glenys Jones.

Dates for your diary...

Handicapped Fellowship Bingo Night - 22 November at Headington Conservative Club, 60 Windmill Road. Eyes down 8pm.

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Nevin Vuddamalay	Ann Robson
Sunday Readers: 8:30 am	Noah Odili	Hilary Lappage
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Patricia Iyibu	Philip Mountford
Eucharistic ministers (10am)	Ewa, John, Eugene	Mary, Derek, Jane

The Archdiocese Commitment to Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is May Macpherson. She can be contacted at sg.stanthonyop.oxford@rcaob.org.uk. The Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

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12th November 2023

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



The readings of Sunday and next call our attention to reflect on the end especially as we approach the end of the Church's liturgical year. Today's Psalm 90:12: "Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart." God's wisdom is needed to live earthly life with integrity and worthy of eternal life.

St. Paul writes in the second reading, "For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven ... Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air." We do not know when this collective end of time will happen. But we are sure of the individual end of time, which occurs daily.

We are like the wise and foolish virgins in today's gospel. We do not know the arrival time of Jesus, the bridegroom. Therefore, Jesus says, "Stay awake, for you do not know neither the day nor the hour." Stay awake means stay awake in prayer, stay vigilant, stay watchful and alert against the deceits of the Evil One and his agents. We need God's wisdom to stay awake and be ready for our personal end of time. The parable of the ten virgins teaches us the need to think and plan ahead in a positive way.

The parable, also, teaches us to remain firm on what is right and not be swayed by what is wrong. The foolish virgins' request represents those suggestions that put pressure on us to follow the path of sin. The request represents trials and temptations that come our way, capable of swaying us away from the right course of action to the wrong course of action. The parable encourages us to be wise and courageous enough to withstand such pressures and to decline such requests. It is an unhealthy attitude to be a pleaser.

The reading says that wisdom is "readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. ... She makes her rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solitude." Wisdom 7:22-30 says, wisdom "penetrates and pervades all things" and "produces friends of God and prophets."

Today's Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16; Ps62; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Responsorial Psalm: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

Next Sunday: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps127; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 14-15, 19-20

Mass Times:

Mon—Fri 9.00am.

Saturday: 9am; Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday: 8.30am; 10am

Adoration & Confession

Saturday 5.30—6.15p.m.

NOTICES:

Memorial book - during the month of November, there will be an opportunity to add the names of your deceased family and friends to the memorial book. Please email their names to the parish office.

Hall cleaning - we are in need of a cleaner for two weeks on Mondays and Tuesdays to help with the church and hall cleaning. Please email the parish office or see Jane if you are keen.

'The Joy of Hope' Café is an engaging and informal discussion series exploring the virtue of hope and what it means for us today. The first session is entitled *Do not be afraid*. Each of the four sessions will start with refreshments beforehand and then run for about an hour. All welcome and no need to book – just come along. The venue is Corpus Christi Parish Hall, Margaret Road, Headington, OX3 8AJ (parking is available close by in Margaret Rd and Wharton Rd). The session dates are Thursday November: 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th. Refreshments at 7.45pm for an 8.00pm start on 2nd (the final three sessions will be 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

Responding to the Call of Creation - Please find a recap of the Archdiocese's efforts in inspiring and enabling climate action through this link below:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/responding-to-the-call-of-creation-newsletter>

The newsletter can also be found on the noticeboard at the back of the church. For more information or to get involved in climate action in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, please contact climateaction@rcaob.org.uk

World Youth Sunday, 26th November. A day on which Pope Francis invites the global Church to celebrate and pray for young people. In Lisbon this year, Pope Francis told young people that "Jesus' door is always open: Come and See!" This has inspired the theme for World Youth Day celebrations in England and Wales for 2023, and there are several World Youth Day resources available here: <https://worldyouthsunday.org/wyd2023>.

Deanery Clergy Requiem Mass, Tuesday 14th November at 12.15pm at Corpus Christi Church, Headington, for deceased deanery workers and parishioners. All welcome.

Praying Divine Office Together - starting **Monday 27th November 2023 at 08:40hrs**, morning prayer will be introduced in the church before Mass. The Divine office is a beautiful prayer of the Church and a wonderful prayer to start off your day. The prayer should end at 08:55 for the Mass to start at 09:00. This information has also been included in the Archdiocese of Birmingham year book for 2024. We hope some will adjust their time to join us for the prayer.

Last weeks offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose Collection	£206.49
Gift Aid Envelopes	£35.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£160.00
Online giving via website	£00.00
Total	£401.49
Votive candles	£102.83

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Second collection (Johnson Association): £95.10

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 11th November	Memorial of St Martin of Tours, Bishop	9:00am	Aley Kutty Louis RIP
		11:00am	Special commemoration mass for the deceased in the past year
	Vigil Mass	6:30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 12th November	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30am	Magaret Kelly RIP
		10:00am	Thanksgiving mass
Monday 13th November	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Nuala McNally & family
Tuesday 14th November	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Margaret Kelly RIP
Wed 15th November	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Mr and Mrs Crehan RIP
Thursday 16th November	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Louis RIP
Friday 17th November	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	For the soul of Ruzada Fernandes E Rebello (3rd Anniversary RIP)
Saturday 18th November	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Special Intentions
	Vigil Mass	6:30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 19th November	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Fr Terence Ints
		10.00am	Kath Foot RIP

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.