

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...

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>.

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Ann Robson	Agnes Valencak
Sunday Readers: 8:30 am	Hilary Lappage	Melissa Fernandes
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Philip Mountford	Adaora Chukwu
Eucharistic ministers (10am)	Mary, Derek, Jane	Ewa, John, Eugene

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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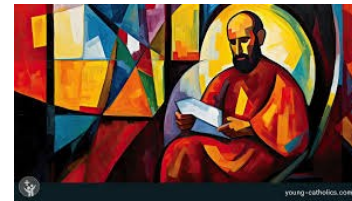
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19th November 2023

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



The first reading is a parable that speaks of our relationship with God. The husband represents God. The worthy wife represents us. The parable is an encouragement to us to embrace our duties and responsibilities with diligence and with fear of the Lord. Further, the worthy wife who is hardworking, caring and God fearing reminds us of all hardworking, caring, and God-fearing women who are sustaining families, communities, parishes, institutions, countries, and the world. They deserve our prayers, love, recognition, respect, fairness, protection, appreciation, gratitude, and praise. On a lighter note, someone says, "The man who said it can't be done should not interrupt the woman doing it." The reading says, "Give her a reward for her labours" (Prov 31:31). Misogyny ("hatred of, contempt for, prejudice or discrimination against women or girls") and violence against women are sinful. We pray for God's intervention in the lives of all women in difficult conditions.

The second reading was St. Paul's admonition to the Thessalonians who presumed, wrongly, that the day of the Lord was very near and therefore refused to do any work. They went 'to sleep.' In the reading, St. Paul encourages us 'not to go to sleep' but to be hardworking like the worthy wife in the first reading. We pray for the conversion of people "of the night" and "people of darkness" who cause agony to humanity.

In the gospel, the servants who worked hard and made profit were congratulated as good and faithful servants and were rewarded with great responsibilities. But as for the servant who went to 'sleep' by digging a hole and burying his master's money, his talent was taken away from him, and he was severely punished. Jesus says, "To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away" (Matt 25:29). An important question for our reflection is, what are we doing with the talents, gifts, positions, duties, responsibilities, opportunities, and blessings God has entrusted to us? Are we like the hardworking worthy wife and the good and faithful servants; or, are we like those who go to sleep and the wicked and lazy servant? "We can make heaven through the small good things we do." - St. Theresa of Child Jesus.

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

Responsorial Psalm: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Next Sunday: Ezekiel 34:11 - 12, 15-17; Ps22; 1 Cor 15:20-26,28; Mt 25:31-46

NOTICES:

Volunteers needed - we are in need of volunteers to help sweep the leaves in the carpark for the next two to three weeks. Many hands make light work - tea and biscuits available during the parish office opening hours on Wednesdays and Fridays between 10am and 1pm.

'The Joy of Hope' Café is an engaging and informal discussion series exploring the virtue of hope and what it means for us today. Refreshments available from 7.15pm and starts at 7.30pm, 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. The theme for Thurs 23rd Nov is *'Heaven on Earth'* and for the concluding session on Thurs 30th Nov: *'The River of Life'*. Parking is available in Margaret Rd and Wharton Rd, Corpus Christi parish hall.

Handicapped Fellowship Bingo Night - 22 November at Headington Conservative Club, 60 Windmill Road. Eyes down 8pm. Raffle tickets will be on sale after the 6.30pm mass at the back of the church.

Churches Together in Marston and Northway - Ecumenical Fellowship every third Thursday from 11am, starting January 18th 2024. Please see noticeboard for more information.

Archdiocese of Birmingham directory for 2024 is now available: PUR (Perfect) Binding is: £5 and Wiro or Spiral Binding is: £6.

Walk with me Advent books and children's calendars are now available at the back of the church. Please put £1 donation in the CTS box.

Oxford Pro-Life Rosary Witness: Sat 2nd Dec (On Our Lady's first Saturday of the Month), Clarendon building at 48 Broad Street at 12 pm. All pro-lifers are warmly invited to recite the Rosary for the end of abortion and in defence of life. . Now more than ever Catholics must stand up in defence of life for all the innocent unborn. Please join us in taking up the powerful Rosary in this mission of witnessing to the Gospel of life and for the conversion of hearts and minds. Contact: Honor Roberts at honorroberts@hotmail.com

Praying Divine Office Together - starting **Monday 27th November 2023 at 08:40hrs**, morning prayer will be introduced in the church before Mass. 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.

Death Anniversaries - if you would like a deceased family member or friend to be remembered in the bulletin during the month of December please email their name(s) to the parish office. There is no need to do so if they were on the list in 2021/22.

Second collection: there will be a second collection next week for Catholic Youth Services.

Due to unexpected circumstances, last week's offertory collection will be updated next week.

Last weeks offertory collection (to be updated next week)

Offertory	Total
Loose Collection	£
Gift Aid Envelopes	£
Card Reader Machine Collection	£
Online giving via website	£
Total	£
Votive candles	£

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Date	Day	Time	Intention
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
Monday 20th November	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Brendan McNally RIP
Tuesday 21st November	Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:00am	Annie & Patrick McGovern RIP
Wed 22nd November	Memorial of St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr	9:00am	Repose of Soul of Geoff Thompson
Thursday 23rd November	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Anne Donoghie RIP
Friday 24th November	Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac,	9:00am	Sister Lily Ints
Saturday 25th November	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Joan O'Neill Birthday
	Vigil Mass	6:30pm	Peggy Greanly
Sunday 26th November	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Family and friends of Mary Griffin

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.