

Please pray for those who have recently died: John Billington

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in January: Julie Bevan, Mary McNally, Mary Lillis, Bernie Gavin, Dennis Chiles, Sally Roberts, Madeline Carvell, Fr Anthony de Vere, Thomse Denning

**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 January.** There is no need to do so if their names were on the list in 2022/23.

**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](#)

**Hall bookings** - Please email [stanthonyop.oxford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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...**

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Agnes Valencak	Jane Kennett
Sunday Readers: 8:30 am	Noah Odili	Hilary Lappage
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Caroline Griffiths	John Barker
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](mailto:sg.stanthonyop.oxford@rcaob.org.uk). The Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.*

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**14th January 2024**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**



After a long celebration of Advent and Christ's birth, 'Ordinary Time' brings us into the period of his ministry. It is also Peace Sunday, and this year Pope Francis has set the theme as 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'.

In the First Reading we hear the Lord's dramatic call of Samuel, and how Samuel fails to hear and discern it properly at first. This event took place some one thousand years before the coming of Christ. Samuel's call is the story of the Lord's revelation to the youthful Samuel, when no prophet had arisen in Israel during the two centuries or so between Moses and Samuel. The situation was described just before the calling of Samuel this way: "The word of the Lord was rare in those days and visions were uncommon" (1 Samuel 3:1). So much so was this the case, and having no experience as yet of any direct revelation from the Lord, that Samuel mistook God's call for that of Eli the priest and judge at the important Shiloh sanctuary which was some twenty miles north of Jerusalem. It took several tries from God's for Eli and Samuel to understand that it was God who was calling the young Samuel. The event of the calling of Samuel was important in the minds of our ancestors in the faith, for Samuel's vocation was the beginning of a new prophetic movement among God's people. The young prophet is dedicated to the Lord, ready to listen, and God cares for this chosen one.

Saint Paul in the second lesson for Mass today stresses that followers of Christ are also to form a bond of union and strive for holiness together, thereby becoming a temple of the Lord, made up of many individuals who are also temples of God's Holy Spirit. Sinfulness is understood, then. A desecration of the temple and an offense to God and other parts of the temple, that is, other people in the family of faith. When sin is avoided and doing good abounds, followers of Christ are acting in accord with God's will and building up the temple of the Holy Spirit, offering right worship to God.

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus asked his first disciples, and asks each of us as well: "What are you looking for?" And then Jesus adds, "Come and see." If we do so - like the first disciples of Jesus - we enter into conversation with the Lord.

**Today's Reading:** 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19; Ps 39; 1 Cor 6:13 - 15, 17-20; John 1:35-42

**Responsorial Psalm:** Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

**Next Sunday:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Ps 24; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

**Morning Prayers**  
Mon-Fri 8.40am  
**Mass Times:**  
Mon—Fri 9.00am.  
Sat: 9am; Vigil 6.30pm  
Sunday: 8.30am; 10am  
**Adoration & Confession**  
Saturday 5.30—6.15p.m.



NOTICES:

**Death anniversaries** - If you would like a deceased family member or friend to be remembered in the bulletin during the month of January, please email their name to: [stanthonyop.oxford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stanthonyop.oxford@rcaob.org.uk). There is no need to do so if their names were on the list in 2022/23.

**MSP Celebration Day**, Friday 26th January 2024, 6.30pm at St George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HY. Everyone is cordially invited to the Missionary Society of St Paul annual MSP celebration day. Or, for a celebration that is easily accessible for everyone in this parish, on Thursday 25th January - the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle - there will be tea and coffee after the 9am mass.

**Pro-life drinks**. 7.30- 9pm, Friday 19th Jan. "Up in Arms", Marston, OX3 OEN. Whether you're new and would like to find out more or a seasoned pro-lifer, come along to relax with like-minded people and keep connected with the pro-life community in Oxford. All welcome! Just turn up, and you can get in touch with Ed via <https://tinyurl.com/ox-pro-life>. And why not bring a friend?

**THIRD THURSDAY ECUMENICAL FELLOWSHIP** on Thursday January 18th 2024 11am to 3pm at Marston United Reformed Church, 352 Marston Road, Oxford OX3 0JB. All are welcome. Please bring packed lunch, cup-a-soup provided.

Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose Collection	£197.04
Gift Aid Envelopes	£20.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£175.00
Online giving via website	£00.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£392.04</b>
Votive candles	£58.96

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 13th January	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Paul Kehoe
	Vigil mass	6:30pm	Hugh MacCormack RIP
Sunday 14th January	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Mary McGrath RIP
Monday 15th January	Feria in Ordinary Time	No mass	
Tuesday 16th January	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Joan Knightly Ints
Wed 17th January	Memorial of St Anthony, Abbot	9:00am	Thomas Glennon RIP
Thursday 18th January	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Mary McGrath RIP
Friday 19th January	Feast of St Wulstan, Bishop	9:00am	Richard (Dick) Butler RIP
Saturday 20th January	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Martin Lyons RIP
	Vigil mass	6:30pm	Mary Joseph RIP
Sunday 21st January	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Pat Fitzpatrick RIP
		10.00am	People of the Parish

**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.