

Please pray for those who have recently died: John Billington

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in March: Fr John McNally, Elland Holland, Alf Hill, Peter Cassidy, Hugh O'Hara, Walter Garnham, Samuel Garnham, Mary Garnham

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 March. 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/.

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...

8-Day Pilgrimage to Poland & The Divine Mercy 2024, 7th - 14th May at £1,197 (twin sharing), led by Father Claro Conde. Bookings can be made via their website at <http://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk>

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Easter rota	Nevin Vuddamalay
<u>Sunday Readers</u> : 8:30 am	Easter rota	Georges Yindom
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Easter rota	Ewa Posner
Eucharistic ministers (10am)	Easter rota	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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31st March 2024

Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord Year B



Alleluia!

This one little word has been banished since Ash Wednesday. In effect, we fast from using this word, just as we fast from food. That great fast comes to an end with the solemn Easter Vigil. But what does it mean? Why is it so important?

Hallelujah appears many times in the Psalms and in Greek as alleluia in the New Testament. In Hebrew, we can break the word into two halves: 'hallu' and 'yah'. The first part of the word 'hallu' means 'praise' in the form of a call, with a connection to song. The second part is a shortened form of God's name: Yahweh. In short, then, the word means 'praise God!' often in song and when said among other people is a call for them to praise God as well. Do we ever stop to ask the question, why should we praise God? Or, even, what does it mean to praise God? In English the word is related to worth, perhaps you can hear an echo of the words 'prize' and 'price'. It's a useful reminder because when we praise God, we acknowledge him to be who he is, and we honour him as worthy of worship. We can hear that in the great joyful hymn, also making its reappearance at Easter, which we call the Te Deum:

*'We praise you, O God:
We acclaim you as the Lord'*

We can also hear it in the Book of Revelation:

*'Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God' (Revelation 5:9)*

This wonderful little passage is really helpful for us today: Jesus (the Lamb) is worthy – that is, the object of praise – because he was slain on the Cross and in his blood ransomed us as a people for God.

He bears the marks of his crucifixion, but he is raised to new and glorified resurrected life, a foretaste of our own life to come with him. The Resurrection is the seal and the demonstration of his work in redeeming us; it's proof that sin and death threw all their weight at him, exhausted in the barrage, and still could not consume him. We are met with an empty tomb as we gather in the Church for the vigil or on Easter Sunday itself. The light of hope begins to warm our hearts, and the cry should bubble up within us as an unstoppable tide: 'Worthy!' 'Alleluia!'

Today's Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Ps117; Colossians 3:1-4 or Cor 5:6-8; John 20:1-9 (Easter vigil - Mark 16:1-7) or evening mass Luke 24:13-25

Responsorial Psalm: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps117; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

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:**THANK YOU**

A huge thank you to Fr Emmanuel and Fr Tony for their hard work over Holy Week and for making our Triduum services so special. Thanks also to all the parishioners who helped in any way to support them; especially the music group, the servers, the welcomers, the readers and eucharistic ministers, the flower arrangers for Easter Sunday and to all for their tireless work behind the scenes ensuring that all went well. Happy Easter to you all and to your families.

Parish Pastoral Council - thank you to all who have put their names forward. If you're looking for an opportunity to use your skills and talents to drive the parish forward, to service and to lead, to nurture and to support the community, please speak to Father Emmanuel or email at fr.emmanuel.ogunnaike@rcaob.org.uk

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Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose Collection	£348.75
Gift Aid Envelopes	£35.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£90.00
Online giving via website	£00.00
Total	£473.75
Votive candles	£75.59

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 30th March	Holy Saturday	10:30am	Morning Prayers followed by confessions
	Easter Vigil	9:00pm	All Souls
Sunday 31st March	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord	8.30am	Filomeno Da Cruz Martins (2yr RIP)
		10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 01st April	Easter Monday, Solemnity	9:00am	Jose Manuel Martinho (RIP) Martins Madeira (Anniv of birth RIP)
Tuesday 02nd April	Easter Tuesday, Solemnity	9:00am	Johnny O'Connor RIP
Wed 03rd April	Easter Wednesday, Solemnity	9:00am	Kathleen Timmous
Thursday 04th April	Easter Thursday, Solemnity	9:00am	Bridie Byrne RIP
Friday 05th April	Easter Friday, Solemnity	9:00am	Christine Farndon Ints
Saturday 06th April	Easter Saturday, Solemnity	9:00am	Tommy Joyce RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Collin Francis Westerhout RIP
Sunday 07th April	Second Sunday of Easter	8.30am	Mark Tomlinson 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.