

Please pray for those who have recently died:

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in April: Jean Collard, Gerry Buck, Ted Busbey, Edward Murphy, Ann McNally, Leonardo De Guzman, Patricia Wilson, Joseph Igwe Ovia, Jim Robertson, Sr Bernadette

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 April. 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>

CHF Pilgrimage to Fatima, 5th to 9th October 2024. Contact Eamonn McDonald OX 776955 or John Denning 07799 087303/ OX 721125 for more information.

Feast Day of St. Anthony of Padua:

- Thursday, 13th June 2024 - Tea and coffee after 9am mass
- Sunday, 16th June 2024 - Bring and share meal after 10am mass

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Paul Moore	Agnes Valencak
Sunday Readers: 8:30 am	Noah Odili	Hilary Lappage
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Michael Onobhayedo	Philip Mountford
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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14th April 2024

Third Sunday of Easter Year B



As it starts out, today's Gospel seems redundant, repeating last week's scene in which Jesus appeared among the disciples. But there are some key differences. First of all, today's event took place while the disciples from Emmaus were explaining how Jesus had been with them on the road and at table. Secondly, Luke says nothing about locked doors. Finally, and most significantly, the disciples were disturbed by Jesus' presence, not the danger posed by their adversaries.

Disturbance, astonishment and fear are normal responses to an encounter with God or angels. Anyone with good sense would be overwhelmed at such an appearance. Jesus asks the disciples, "Why are you troubled? Why do questions arise in your hearts?" Jesus went on to explain that his earthly end recapped all that he had lived among them. He had told them that evil would unleash all its power in the attempt to eliminate him. Not only did Jesus show them the scars of his confrontation with evil, he assured them that he was real.

The disciples had their own ideas about God's power and the role of a saviour. Although their time with Jesus had been wonderful, they had succeeded spectacularly at evading his scandalous teachings about a saviour in solidarity with all who suffer and a God who does not intervene in history by direct divine power. How many times had Jesus talked about being great by serving as the lowliest? They failed to grasp the fact that he was not just talking about what he was doing at the moment, but about the very character of God, who invites but never compels us to anything. It still took them a long time to realize that if they were to be his, they would share in his own vulnerability. His hands and his feet told part of the story. His wounds put the wrath of evil on display, at the same time proclaiming that no evil, no suffering, no war or disaster can overpower the goodness of God.

This truth also told them that nothing they could ever do or say or think could stop God's love for them. As we see in today's first reading, Peter eventually came to understand that. Thus, he could reproach the people who had supported or been unconcerned about Jesus' crucifixion. Peter followed that by saying, "I know you and your leaders acted out of ignorance." Peter also realized that God can transform suffering, sin, brokenness and blindness into new experiences of grace if only we open ourselves to the Spirit.

By appearing, Jesus invited the disciples to move beyond fear and incredulity and to begin to act on the belief that the only lasting power is love — and that such love disturbs the violent more than any weapon ever can. Faith in the Resurrection calls us into a bold new way of loving, knowing that with God's help such a love can never be conquered.

Today's Reading: Acts 3:13 - 15, 17-19; Ps4; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

Responsorial Psalm: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8 - 12; Ps117; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

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:

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.

CAFOD: Our parish representative, Chris Chukwu, would like to thank you for all your efforts during Lent to raise much needed funds for CAFOD - both at Family Fast Day (when we raised £327.02), and also by participating in the Big Lent Walk (which raised £2000 in sponsorship). He would also like to remind parishioners that if anyone would like to be involved in joining our parish CAFOD group, please contact him on 07789 591364 or email christopher.i.chukwu@gmail.com, or whatsapp at +234 8035 130895.

Second collection: There will be a second collection next week for the Clergy Training Fund.

Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose Collection	£283.13
Gift Aid Envelopes	£20.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£174.00
Online giving via website	£00.00
Total	£477.13
Votive candles	£68.21

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 13th April	Easter Feria	9:00am	James Smith RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Mrs Catherine Akunne RIP
Sunday 14th April	Third Sunday of Easter	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Varghese Chacko RIP
Monday 15th April	Easter Feria	9:00am	For the intentions of Jaquelin
Tuesday 16th April	Easter Feria	9:00am	Louis Varkey RIP
Wed 17th April	Easter Feria	9:00am	Leslie Eaton
Thursday 18th April	Easter Feria	9:00am	Sally Rigby
Friday 19th April	Easter Feria	9:00am	Edward Murphy (50yrs RIP)
Saturday 20th April	Easter Feria	9:00am	Mary Penders Ints
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Good health & Thanksgiving in the name of Angel Shanaia Rodrigues
Sunday 21st April	Fourth Sunday of Easter	8.30am	Kathleen Timmons
		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.