

**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, Erlinda Tianio

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**Please contact the Parish Office with the names of those to be included whose deaths occurred in the month of May.** 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...**

**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>

**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	Agnes Valencak	Jane Kennett
Sunday Readers: 8:30 am	Hilary Lappage	Rajesh Paul
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Philip Mountford	Patricia Iyiegbu
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](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.*

## St Anthony of Padua, Oxford

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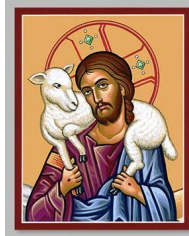


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**21st April 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B**



Our Lord Jesus Christ, during his earthly ministry, knew very well how to speak to the people about his person and his mission, using simple and direct words. In the Gospel text for this Sunday, the image Jesus uses for himself is that of a good shepherd who lovingly tends his flock. Jesus also calls himself the gate by which the sheep come and go from the sheepfold. All of this would have been familiar imagery for the nomadic and pastoral people who listened to Jesus. While few or maybe none who read this are shepherds of sheep, we should easily enough understand the idea being put forth of the importance of a good shepherd and a peaceful sheepfold.

Jesus contrasts himself as the good shepherd with the thieves who deceive and do not lead the sheep along good paths. Jesus says clearly that what he comes to bring is life, and life to the full. What the thieves bring may look like life, but in fact brings spiritual death. That would include the unbridled pursuit of pleasure, accumulation and hoarding of goods, living for oneself and not for God and others in genuine and humble service; in short, living a life of vice and not of virtue.

Jesus speaks of himself as the leader of God's flock, the Good Shepherd, walking in front of the sheep, as the way, the truth and the life for all those who are truly seeking to be in God's sheepfold. The Lord is indeed our Good Shepherd, guiding us in right paths, giving us courage and strength even in our darkest moments, spreading a banquet for us and inviting us to dwell in God's house forever. If that be the case, then truly we shall not want for anything!

The gentle message of the Lord today is applicable to all, the rich and the poor, the well and the infirm, the young and the old, leaders and followers, saints and sinners. No one is to be excluded from Jesus' sheepfold and all are lovingly invited to it. Nothing is hidden from God's sight, so we can never pretend to be other than what we are: a flock that has been loved into being. As individuals, endowed with free will, we are capable of straying from the fold and seeking our own will rather than God's. However, the good shepherd never leaves the flock untended, and is always seeking the return of the stray, finding the lost and the discouraged among the sheep.

Our Good Shepherd knows our needs, shares our experiences, and is in communion with his flock. Because of this, we have confidence that we are never left without the help of a loving and saving God. As a flock gathers around its shepherd, we are called to assemble in worship with our Good Shepherd, Jesus, who feeds us with the finest wheat, and pours himself out for us.

**Today's Reading: Acts 4:8 - 12; Ps117; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18**

**Responsorial Psalm: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.**

**Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps21; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8**

**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](mailto:fr.emmanuel.ogunnaike@rcaob.org.uk).

**Finance report 2023 and proposed changes to carpark** : Copies of the 2023 Finance Report are available at the back of church this weekend and the details will also be available on the website:

<http://www.stanthonyofpadua.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Parish-Financial-Report-2023.pdf>

There is also a document about proposed changes to the church carpark, including the installation of both an ANPR camera and a payment machine for non parish users.

After the Vigil Mass next Saturday (27th April) and after the 10am Mass next Sunday (28th April), there will be an opportunity to discuss both the Finance Report and the Car Park changes. The report can be found here:

[http://www.stanthonyofpadua.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Car-park-proposal\\_April-2024.pdf](http://www.stanthonyofpadua.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Car-park-proposal_April-2024.pdf)

**If having read the documents you have questions/concerns but are unable to attend these sessions, please contact Fr Emmanuel directly or email [jane.kennett@googlemail.com](mailto:jane.kennett@googlemail.com) (Chair of Finance Committee).**

**Bingo Night** in aid of CHF Oxford Fellowship - Lourdes Pilgrimage. Wednesday 8th May 2024 at Headington Conservative Club, Windmill Road, Oxford OX3 7BZ. Doors open 7pm - Eyes down 8pm. Bingo, flyers and bingo will be on sale after the 6.30pm mass next week. See noticeboard for more information, or contact [macdon1@uwclub.net](mailto:macdon1@uwclub.net)/ John Denning 07799 087303.

**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](mailto:christopher.i.chukwu@gmail.com), or whatsapp at +234 8035 130895.

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**Second collection:** there will be a second collection for Clergy Training Fund.

## Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose Collection	£288.15
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£160.00
Online giving via website	£00.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£458.15</b>
Votive candles	£113.06

**Monthly standing orders : £1231**

Date	Day	Time	Intention
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
Monday 22nd April	Easter Feria	9:00am	Erlinda Tianio RIP
Tuesday 23rd April	Solemnity of St George, Martyr, Patron of England	9:00am	Maria Luisa e Benevides de Carvalho RIP (5th month anniv)
Wed 24th April	Easter Feria	9:00am	Karelle O'Connor
Thursday 25th April	Feast of St Mark, Evangelist	9:00am	Michael Masterson RIP
Friday 26th April	Easter Feria	9:00am	God's blessings on her birthday for MJ
Saturday 27th April	Easter Feria	9:00am	Gerry Kelleher RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Get well soon for Sr. Maureen
Sunday 28th April	Fifth Sunday of Easter	8.30am	Alice Cullen 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.