

Please pray for those who have recently died: Lucy Mockler

...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, Lucy Mockler

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 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/.

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 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	Jane Kennett	Nevin Vuddamalay
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Rajesh Paul	Georges Yindom
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Patricia Iyiegbu	Tony Coates
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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28th April 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B



In the Gospel text this Sunday, Jesus uses the image of a grapevine and its branches to express the truth that belonging completely to God assures us of spiritual survival and even life unending. By the branches adhering to the vine, good fruit can come forth to the glory of God and the building up of Christ's Body, the Church.

Good fruit produced by the branches, that is, the followers of Jesus, is the acquisition of more and more adherents to the faith, what we call today the Church. The salvation of humankind is the fullness of the fruit produced, when "Christ is all and in all". The work of proclaiming the Gospel takes place through Jesus in union with his followers who in turn are united with their Lord in the one work of salvation. Using the imagery of today's Gospel text, the unity of Christ and the disciples in their mission, over time and space, until the final coming of Christ, is comparable to the unity of a grapevine and its branches. Jesus also speaks of God the Father as the vine-dresser, the one who takes care and shows attention for the branches, who prunes, or cuts away what is not good, so that goodness may abound.

Some may misinterpret this imagery as meaning God will punish the unwatchful, but that is not the teaching of the Church. Rather, it has to do with the inevitable ups and downs of life, and the fact that God is present in the midst of it all, never abandoning what he has planted, nor desiring the fall or defeat of anyone, but that all may grow stronger, even amidst trials and setbacks. It is not about destroying what is under cultivation or of tender shoots being wiped out. The care of the good vine-dresser is to be understood as God's loving care in Jesus' work of bringing salvation to God's people. The word used by Jesus that best sums up the mystery of the perfect union which must exist between the followers and Jesus and then through Jesus between the followers and God the Father, is the verb "to abide" or "to remain." Abide and remain express the notion of perfect mutual fellowship or communion.

Every follower of Jesus is called to be open to receive Christ's vital and dynamic influence which comes about by keeping God's word, which is already within, and seeing it blossom forth, producing good fruit by putting God's word into practice. Left to oneself, the disciple or apostle, Jesus says, cannot produce good fruit. We need God and we need one another. Unity with the Lord and his Church implies the growth and development of God's word in every disciple. What is meant to flourish is the word of God, namely, God's love, and then be extended to all people of every time and places. We are all called to take a share in the work of Christ's mission, in the manner and measure determined by God, but with our God-given free will. We are to willingly offer back to God a life on fire for the salvation of all in Jesus Christ.

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.

Today's Reading: Acts 9:26-31; Ps21; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

Responsorial Psalm: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps97; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

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.

Finance report 2023 and proposed changes to carpark : The 2023 Finance Report is 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 (27th April) and after the 0830 and 10am Masses (28th April), there will be an opportunity to discuss both the Finance Report and the Car Park changes. The car park proposal can be found here:

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 (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. See noticeboard for more information, or contact 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, or whatsapp at +234 8035 130895.

2nd collection next weekend. CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal - Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal in church or at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers. You can also text CAFODSUDAN to 70450 to donate £10. Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message, and you'll be opting into hearing more from us. If you would like to donate but don't wish to hear more from us, please text CAFODSUDANNOINFO instead.

Mass at the John Radcliffe chapel will resume from this week on Wednesdays at 1pm.

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Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose Collection	£224.49
Gift Aid Envelopes	£20.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£232.00
Online giving via website	£00.00
Total	£476.49
Votive candles	£40.26

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Second collection (Clergy Training Fund): £139.16

Date	Day	Time	Intention
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	Lucy Mockler RIP
		10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 29th April	Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe	9:00am	Annamma Chacko RIP
Tuesday 30th April	Easter Feria	9:00am	All Souls
Wed 01st May	Easter Feria	9:00am	Birthday thanksgiving for Margaret Onobhayedo
		1.00pm	John Radcliffe Hospital Chapel
Thursday 02nd May	Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9:00am	Pat Hodgson RIP (1st Anniversary)
Friday 03rd May	Feast of Ss Philip and James, Apostles	9:00am	Pauline Finn Ints
Saturday 04th May	Feast of the English Martyrs	9:00am	Jose Sebastiao Taveres Da Silva (RIP)
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Mass for Paul Clarke RIP
Sunday 05th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	8.30am	Karelle O'Connor
		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.