

Please pray for those who have recently died: Lucy Mockler

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in May: Margaret Carton, Margaret Crowe, Pam Regan, Larry King, Pamela Denning, Patrick McNally, Elizabeth O'Hara, Ann Rae, Patricia Hodgson

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](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...

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	Nevin Vuddamalay	Paul Moore
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Georges Yindom	Noah Odili
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Tony Coates	Linda Uzoma
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. The Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

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05th May 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B



On this sixth Sunday of Easter we celebrate our Lord whose love is universal. He has no favourite. Rather, he freely communicates his love and spirit to all who accepts him. The fullness of this love is expressed in Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

Love that is only words, devoid of actions, is of little value. On the other hand, love put into action is finer than gold, more precious than diamonds, and a force that can move the world. Hence, for all its misuse and misapplication, we must not throw out the word "love," for it is actually the basis of our religion, that is, our fundamental belief as Catholic Christians that "God is love." We firmly believe that God, who is love, so loved the world that he sent his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, who gave himself in love, even to the extent of death on the cross, for the salvation of the human race.

In the Gospel today, from the Evangelist Saint John, we hear Jesus say, "May my joy be in you and may your joy be complete." The Lord is constantly assuring us that he has come into the world precisely to bring us happiness, but not a superficial one that is shallow or fleeting. God's grace, according to Sacred Scripture, is life and light itself. We are called to share in that same light and life, without fear, regret or limit.

"Love one another as I have loved you," is difficult to do, but it is not beyond our abilities. We call God "Father" because God is one who acts in tenderness toward his children. Our love for one another, asked of us by Christ, is an extension of God's great love which in fact calls us into being, sustains us and brings us everlasting life. When we love we are carrying on God's creative work. In a loving and uncompromising way, we must invite Love, that is, God, into our lives. When we do so, we are on the path to becoming whom we are meant to be, a child of God, participating in God's life, which never ends, even when we die.

The Eucharist celebrated at every Mass is the commemoration of the Lord's great act of love for us. In order for us to possess true life, God has poured out love for us in the suffering and death of Jesus Christ, the Beloved, in whom we are redeemed. By our love for one another, here and now, we extend the love we have received in Jesus Christ, to all those we meet. May the Body and Blood of the Lord be our strength for the pilgrimage through life, however long or short the time remaining be, so that we might be friends of the Lord, who are appointed to bear fruit that will remain, believing that what we ask in the Father's name may be given to us.

Today's Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps97; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Next Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps102; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11-19

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:

Second collection: There will be a second collection next weekend for Catholic Communications.

Baptism: Next Sunday (12th May), baby Elena will be received into our Catholic community through the sacrament of baptism. Please remember her in your prayers along with her parents Emmanuel and Chiziterem..

Feedback meetings: Thank you to all who contributed to the meetings after Mass last weekend. The comments will be considered by the Finance Committee before a final decision is made, but the only other suggested option was for a volunteer (or rota of volunteers) to replace Dominic Smith in his daily carpark duties (every weekday morning from 8.30-10am and weekday afternoons between 2.30pm and 3.30pm). There will be a list at the back of church for signing up to assess how feasible this would be as an option.

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.

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.

Second collection this 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 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.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, Thursday 9.30am - please note that morning mass will start at 9.30am. Being a holy day of obligation, there will be a 6.30pm mass.

Christ Church Cathedral School Banners - Father Emmanuel has given approval for the school to place two banners on our fence.

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Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose Collection	£403.88
Gift Aid Envelopes	£30.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£260.00
Online giving via website	£00.00
Total	£693.88
Votive candles	£105.95

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Date	Day	Time	Intention
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
Monday 06th May	Easter Feria	9:00am	Alice Cullen RIP
Tuesday 07th May	Easter Feria	9:00am	Thanksgiving mass for new job
Wed 08th May	Easter Feria	9:00am	Aley Kutty Louis RIP
		1.00pm	John Radcliffe Hospital Chapel
Thursday 09th May	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	9:30am	Owen McGlone RIP
		6:30pm	Thanksgiving mass for new house
Friday 10th May	Easter Feria	9:00am	Donor's Ints
Saturday 11th May	Easter Feria	9:00am	Donor's Ints
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Terry Reilly get well soon
Sunday 12th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Donor's Ints

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.