

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	Paul Moore	Agnes Valencak
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Noah Odili	Hilary Lappage
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Linda Uzoma	Geoff O'Donoghue
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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12th May 2024
Seventh Sunday of Easter Year B



The liturgy is a transition from the Easter celebration of the Resurrection to the sending of the Holy Spirit on the disciples which we will celebrate next Sunday. That moment empowers them to take over the work of Christ, and the readings today continue some themes from the previous weeks that show their preparation for that change.

In the first reading, the followers recognised the need to lean on divine guidance. Oftentimes, when building something new, there is no established protocol, no settled set of instructions, and you have to do your best with what you know: how and where are we called to embrace that spirit of comfort and challenge? As we find our way together, we will encounter times when we need to seek the Spirit, follow the footsteps of Jesus and create a new thing that honours the call to be His body.

Speaking of Psalm 102, in his homily in the chapel of his residence - the Domus Sanctae Marthae - Pope Francis said: "Pray all of this psalm and with this we learn the things we must say to the Lord when we request a grace. 'You who are Merciful and forgiving, grant me this grace:' just as Abraham did and as Moses did." The second reading concludes our series of readings from this Letter which has focused throughout on the theme of God's love for us, the love of Jesus, and our sharing in this love with one another. With further examples of how God's love and our response to that, it concludes with the definition: God IS love.

In today's gospel, Jesus prays to the Father before his arrest and crucifixion. He prays for the same strength and protection he has received from the Father to now be given to his disciples who have already faced rejection and ridicule with more to come. But Jesus knows he will not be physically present with them to help them stand up to the trials to come that will be worse than what they have already experienced, so he asks the Father to protect them. Not to take them out of the world but to advocate that they be protected from the evils of the world.

Few people live into adulthood without experiencing loss. The disciples are about to experience the catastrophic loss of Jesus. The Spirit will come to help give them courage but they don't yet know that. What they will soon learn is that the intimate bonds of proximate friendship with Jesus are about to be shattered for them. They will need all the strength and courage possible. This legacy of care and concern from God is ours as well. Through continual reading and study of Scripture we come to know Jesus and his deep and complete love and care for us. We are in the world but can be protected from it by deeply uniting with Jesus as our Lord, friend and protector. God is love and those who abide in love abide in God.

Today's Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps102; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11-19

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps103; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

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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 this weekend for Catholic Communications.

There will be a second collection next weekend for Christian Aid.

Baptism: This Sunday, 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..

Divine Mercy Reflection by the Divine Mercy Apostolate, London, Saturday 25 May 2024 from 1 pm to 4:30 pm at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. The Reflection will include the Holy Rosary, teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

Third Thursdays Together Ecumenical Fellowship day by Churches Together in Marston and Northway, on Thursday 16th May at Marston United Reformed Church (352 Marston Road, Oxford OX3 0JB). Please see notice-board for more details.

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.

Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose Collection	£297.63
Gift Aid Envelopes	£20.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£245.00
Online giving via website	£00.00
Total	£562.63
Votive candles	£49.46

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Second collection (Sudan appeal): £225.70

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 11th May	Easter Feria	9:00am	Praying for a safe journey
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Terry Reilly get well soon
Sunday 12th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Julia Irving RIP
Monday 13th May	Easter Feria	9:00am	Pamela Denning (10th Anniversary)
Tuesday 14th May	Feast of St Matthias, Apostle	9:00am	Jose Do Rego Carvalho RIP
Wed 15th May	Easter Feria	9:00am	Varghese Chacko RIP
		1.00pm	John Radcliffe Chapel
Thursday 16th May	Easter Feria	9:00am	Louis Varkey RIP
Friday 17th May	Easter Feria	9:00am	For Donald - may the Lord provide guidance and peace
Saturday 18th May	Easter Feria	9:00am	Alice Cullen RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	For Donald Jackson
Sunday 19th May	Solemnity of Pentecost	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Maria da Costa Savio Fernandes RIP (1st yr anniversary)

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.