

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	Agnes Valencak	Jane Kennett
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Hilary Lappage	Rajesh Paul
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Geoff O'Donoghue	Aodora Chukwu
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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19th May 2024

Solemnity of Pentecost Year B



On Pentecost Sunday, and we take ourselves back to biblical times and try to capture the emotions of the disciples, of those who were following, of those who were listening. They had heard the crowds shout, "Crucify him!", they had watched Jesus suffer and die, they had been in despair and then they experienced the joy of the resurrection. The day of ascension must have been wondrous and sad. Seeing Christ disappear from sight and in His place there's another promise – God's Spirit will come. For ten days they waited and all of a sudden God's Spirit not only came upon them but moved from within them.

When the Holy Spirit entered the disciples, people saw how the disciples behaved; they saw how the members of the early Church cared for one another; how they looked after the poor and needy. As we talk about Christ, as we profess Christ, it's about more than just using the right words. It's about following Christ. We cannot sit back and wait for the Holy Spirit to be active in the Church; the Spirit is already active in the Church. On the day of Pentecost the disciples were "all" filled with the Holy Spirit and they began to talk as the Spirit enabled them to speak. We have a wonderful opportunity to examine how God might want to use us and how the Spirit might enable us.

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. The Gospel for Pentecost reminds us that the Church begins with the command to forgive. Within the family, the domestic church, we learn how to forgive and how to accept forgiveness. The gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to do both. Today is a fitting time to share a family celebration of reconciliation. As you gather together as a family, sit quietly for a few minutes, inviting everyone to reflect upon their need to forgive and to receive forgiveness. If there is a situation or issue within the family that needs attention, spend some time reflecting on how your family might address it. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:19-23. Talk together about how Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us in the work of forgiveness and to bring us peace. Pray together today's psalm or the Prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking that the Holy Spirit help your family. Share with one another the Sign of Peace.

Today's Reading: Acts 2:1-11; Ps103; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

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Responsorial Psalm: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the Earth.

Next Sunday: Deu 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps32; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20

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 Christian Aid.

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.

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.

URGENT: The Children's Liturgy group urgently need extra volunteers to help provide the Liturgy to our young children during the Sunday 10am Mass. Please consider helping with this important ministry - especially if you are a parent whose children attend each week. The volunteers work in pairs and training/guidance will be given. Please contact either Fr Emmanuel or Margaret Onobhayedo for more details.

Thank you from the CHF Oxford- Fellowship for the support from parishioners in buying raffle tickets and attending the bingo evening last week. The total raised was £1250.

Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose Collection	£284.77
Gift Aid Envelopes	£35.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£140.00
Online giving via website	£00.00
Total	£459.77
Votive candles	£61.11

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Second collection (Catholic Communications): £117.32

Date	Day	Time	Intention
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)
Monday 20th May	Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church	9:00am	For Phil Campbell's father
Tuesday 21st May	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Marriage thanksgiving Onobhayedo family
Wed 22nd May	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Philomena Glynn RIP
		1.00pm	John Radcliffe Chapel
Thursday 23rd May	Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	9:00am	Maria Luisa e Benevides de Carvalho (RIP - 6th anniversary)
Friday 24th May	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Peggie O'Connor
Saturday 25th May	Memorial of St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church	9:00am	Bernard Walker
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Luis Norberto Bosco Belo RIP
Sunday 26th May	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Repose of Soul of Jane Mary Scholl

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.