

Please pray for those who have recently died: Lucy Mockler

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in June: Elise Skaping, Roddy McNally, Julia Taylor, Maria Dos Santos Madeira, Veronica Hanlon, Bill Mansell

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 June. 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...

	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	Caroline Griffiths	Ewa Posner
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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09th June 2024

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B



The first reading gives the background and reason for the call of Abraham, while in the second reading St. Paul compares his life on earth to a temporary dwelling, a tent, something not very durable, whereas God has prepared for us a new body—a new, glorious and permanent dwelling or mode of living in heaven.

The truth of the saying "pride goeth before destruction" (Prov. 16:18) is clearly demonstrated in the first and third readings today. Pride indeed induced the First Parents to disobey God. They wished to be independent of him, in fact, they hoped to be his equals. The evil results of their folly are still among us. It was their sinful pride, their sense of superiority, their utter contempt for all who did not conform to their standard of observance, that led the Scribes and Pharisees to oppose Jesus. Blinded as they were by this deep-rooted pride, they could see nothing good in him. That most of the Scribes and Pharisees continued in their blind pride even after their attempt to silence him forever had failed, is most likely, as Jesus' reference to the unforgivable sin would indicate. They could not be forgiven while they refused, through pride, to ask for forgiveness.

While we can thank God that perhaps none of us has the same exalted opinion of himself as had the Scribes and Pharisees, there is still much pride in even the best of us. It is still the root of all the evil that is in our world. If faithfully observed the Ten Commandments of God would make the journey of all men to heaven easier, safer and surer. But they are violated daily. Because proud men refuse to be restricted in their actions. They cannot admit that any higher power has the right to regulate their lives; they are the sole arbiters of their fate. How long can we go on living together on earth, if each one claims the right to do as he pleases? If we have the right to all possible comfort, pleasure and ease in this life, then abortion, euthanasia for the old and defectives, in fact, the quiet removal of anyone who stands in our way, who interferes with our absolute freedom, is not only lawful but absolutely necessary! Of course, those who approve of and demand permissiveness, do not encourage going to such extremes—except when it suits them. But if there is no divine authority the state laws will have to be enforced with the gun. They will collapse, however, once a sufficient number of citizens opt for permissiveness.

He who does the will of God is the brother and kinsman of Christ and only his true brothers will get to heaven. We must keep the commandments of God. not only are they the guides that will keep us on the road to heaven, but they are our only guarantee of survival during our short sojourn here on earth.

Today's Reading: Genesis 3:9-15; Ps129; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

Responsorial Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Next Sunday: Ezekiel 17:22-24; Ps91; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34

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.

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.

Oxford Pro-Life Social, Friday 21st June, 7.15pm – 9pm at Up in Arms Marston, OX3 0EN. Whether you're new and would like to find out more or already involved in the pro life community, come along to relax with like-minded people and keep connected with Oxford's pro life community. All welcome! Parking and food available.

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

Second collection: there will be a second collection next week for Day for Life.

Parish appeal 2024

The quinquennial diocesan review three years ago detected significant problems with the flat roof at the back and front of church. The estimate for repairing this is £64,000. The presbytery carpet is also in need of replacement and the quote for this is £4,200. We have been given a grant of £10,000 from the Oxford historic Churches Trust, but we need to raise a significant amount if we are to avoid a large overdraft.

Please can all parishioners consider how they can help reduce this debt to the parish. There are various ways that you can donate:

The **card reader** at the back of church (there is a dedicated Parish Appeal page).

The **parish website** (there is a parish appeal button to click on).

Via direct **bank transfer**.

Bank details: RCA of Birmingham parish of SAOP. Sort code 60-10-28. account number 66574919.

Or directly to Fr Emmanuel.

Donations raised (as of 07th June):

	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
This week	£0	£50
Total	£50	£1,070

Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose Collection	£296.52
Gift Aid Envelopes	£30.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£95.00
Online giving via website	£100.00
Total	£521.52
Votive candles	£57.85

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 08th June	Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	9:00am	Maureen Mander & family
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 09th June	Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Frances Ward RIP
		10.00am	Mary Houston
Monday 10th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Thanksgiving mass - for guidance and to grow in God's love
Tuesday 11th June	Memorial of St Barnabas, Apostle	9:00am	Nguyen Van Tuc
Wed 12th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Eileen Sheehan and family
		1.00pm	John Radcliffe Chapel
Thursday 13th June	Memorial of St Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor of the Church	9:00am	Noela Ximenes birthday thanksgiving
Friday 14th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Thomas Sheehan and family
Saturday 15th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Stephen Flaherty and family
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Maura Williams and family
Sunday 16th June	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Sarah Daly and family
		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.