

Please pray for those who have recently died: Lucy Mockler

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in July: Donald Holfield, Billy Mundesley, Eileen McNally, Billy Munnely, Bob and Peggy Clarke, Teo Reynoso, Prisca Magno Rodrigues, Anthony Baquiram, Ann Slaughter, Miguel Balatbat, Teodoro Ciocson

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 July. 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, Glenys Jones and Chris Byrne.

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	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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07th July 2024

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B



Today's readings encourage us to place our whole trust in God's grace, for God's power is at its strongest even when we are most weak.

The first reading hints at the defiant and obstinate spirit of the townsfolk. Like Ezekiel, we all have a prophetic call and mission from God. The question is, where is this mission, and how do we begin it? There is a mission everywhere today. There is a prophetic mission in our rebellious generation, families, communities, and our streets, workplaces, schools, and the world at large. There is much rebellion in our time against God, against nature, against divine institutions, and the fabrics of our moral, social and cultural heritage. So, God speaks to us today as he said to Ezekiel in our first reading: "Son of man, I am sending you... to the rebels who have turned against me." So, we must be that voice that cries against injustice, oppression, immorality, corruption, and ungodliness.

The second reading encourages us to rely on God when things seem to be a struggle. St Paul, faced with failure and his own weakness, clearly heard from God that it was exactly through such weakness that God's strength would be known. God saw this same fear in Jeremiah and said to him: "Get ready, Jeremiah; go and tell them everything I command you to say. Do not be afraid of them or I will make you even more afraid of them" (Jer 1, 17). The truth is that these are burdens, we must bear as Christians if our society must be safe. We must not be afraid because the grace of God is sufficient for us. So, if we are willing, God will fill us with his grace.

In the gospel, Jesus has left Capernaum, the scene of many 'mighty deeds,' and headed for the home where he grew up. Once in Nazareth there is a change of mood. While his listeners are impressed by stories about him, they can't get over the fact that Jesus is one of their own, another worker, just like each of them, with sawdust in his hair and dirt under his fingernails. Despite all these, he was not discouraged. Instead, he continued to preach and heal his generation. We must not be afraid to carry out our prophetic ministries despite the odds against us. Instead, we are to bear them patiently so that good might triumph over evil, truth over a lie, light over darkness and, peace over war. "Where there is no [prophetic] vision the people perish" (Prov 29:18). We are all called to be that visionary prophet to our ailing generation.

The antidote to pride, scorn, and contempt is mercy, and we receive it when we abandon ourselves to God. Let us keep our eyes firmly fixed on our Lord till he shows us his mercy.

Today's Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5; Ps122; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.

Next Sunday: Amos 7:12-15; Ps84; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13

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 Sunday for Peter's Pence at the 10AM mass only.

There will be a second collection next week for Apostleship of the Sea.

X'mas Bazaar - Sunday 8th December 2024. This bazaar is of significant importance for our church as we aim to raise sufficient funds for our parish appeal. If you have great event ideas, a flair for organising a spectacular fund-raising event or simply to volunteer your time with a wonderful community, please speak with Father Emmanuel.

Oxford Laudati Si' Circle meets once a month to pray for our common home and take action on the climate crisis. Please contact laudatosioxford@outlook.com for more information.

The Children's Liturgy group is still in need extra volunteers to help provide the Liturgy to our young children during the Sunday 10am Mass. The volunteers work in pairs and training/guidance will be given. Please contact either Fr Emmanuel or Margaret Onobhayedo for more details.

Consent form for use of live images: the Archdiocese is requiring anyone whose image would be identifiable online including members of the clergy, altar servers, Ministers of the word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to sign a consent form. Consent is required from a parent or guardian for children under 16 and adults who lack capacity. Consent forms are not required for general members of the congregation. Forms are available in the sacristy.

Father Emmanuel has given permission for a banner from Christ Church School to be displayed on the fence from now until end-August.

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:

- 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:

RCAOB St Anthony of Padua. Sort code 60-10-28.

Account number 66574919. Ref: Building.

- Or directly to Fr Emmanuel.

As of 03rd July	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£0	£1,120
Total	£1,150	£2,260

May God sees all that is done in secret reward you abundantly.

Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose Collection	£201.10
Gift Aid Envelopes	£45.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£420.00
Online giving via website	£0.00
Total	£666.10
Votive candles	£70.84

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 06th July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Adolph Lobo 5th Anniversary RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Please pray for Steve Lilian & family
Sunday 07th July	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Birthday blessings for the Oboros
		10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 08th July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Tom O'Shea RIP
Tuesday 09th July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Catherine Brennan
Wed 10th July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Mia O'Shea RIP
		1.00pm	John Radcliffe Chapel
Thursday 11th July	Feast of St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe	9:00am	For the repose of soul of Krzysztof Gawlik
Friday 12th July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Mary Finn RIP
Saturday 13th July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Mary Houston
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Billy Munnelly RIP (9th Anniversary)
Sunday 14th July	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Patricia Ceclich
		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.