

Please pray for those who have recently died: Joan Manuell

...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, Joan Manuell

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 August. 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)

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, Chris Byrne, Anna, Slawek, Joe, Xi and Camilla.

Dates for your diary...

	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	Geoff O'Donoghue, Linda Uzoma	Aodora Chukwu, Tony Coates
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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28th July 2024

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B



Today we celebrate Christ, the new Elisha who feeds and unites us in him. Our first reading and the gospel are similar. Both narrate the miracles of the multiplication of bread motivated by compassion and generosity.

In our first reading, Elisha got a gift of food. However, noticing that the people were hungry and moved by compassion, he generously offered it. Through him, God miraculously multiplied the food. Thus, fulfilling his prophecy: "They will eat and have leftovers." In the second reading, Paul reminds us of the virtues that we need to live and survive together as a body of Christ. These virtues include: charity, generosity, gentility, complete selflessness and patience towards one another. In the gospel, moved by compassion for his flock, Christ, "the new Elisha," replicated Elisha's miracle. He fed more than five thousand people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. He was sensitive to their situation and need. Christ cares both for our physical and spiritual needs. He feeds us with both His Word and the Holy Eucharist.

There are many important lessons we can learn from today's readings especially from these miracles.

The first is from the compassion and generosity of both Elisha and Jesus for their flocks. Compassion moved them to feed their people generously. Compassion is the basis of empathy and sympathy. We need it to understand what it means for others to be hungry, thirsty, sick, homeless, jobless, and lonely. We need them to be human.

The second lesson is that God can transform something little into something extraordinary. We must not doubt God as the disciples did for our God is a God of impossibilities. "With God all things are possible" (Mt 19: 26).

The third lesson is the generosity of the little boy. He is a hero in Jesus' miracle. He generously offered what he had, and his generosity became the motivation of a great miracle for his community. From two fish and five loaves, the community was blessed with more than twelve baskets of food. This shows that, at times, God works with what we have.

How do we respond to the needs of our community in times of need? The goods we bear, our talents, time, knowledge, and experience, including our faith, are values that we must place at the service of others. A generous and compassionate attitude towards others can enrich the lives of many and our own life. When compassion and generosity embrace, great miracles happen for a community united by one faith, one spirit, and one baptism.

Through his generosity and compassion, Christ continues to work miracles in our midst. He continues to feed and nourish us physically and spiritually at every Eucharistic celebration. So, with the psalmist, let us praise Christ: "You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires."

Today's Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44; Ps 144; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

Responsorial Psalm: You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

Next Sunday: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps77; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

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:

Mission Appeal: There will be a mission appeal for the St. Patrick's Missionary Society (Kiltegan Fathers) next weekend.

Requiem Mass: The requiem Mass for Joan Manuell will be at 11am on Tuesday 30th July, and her body will be received into the church the evening before at 6.30pm. Following the Mass the interment is for family members only.

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.

Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for adults and teenager who wish to be full-fledged Catholics. Those who have not been baptised or confirmed in the Catholic Church, or those already baptised in Anglican Communion and wish to become Catholics, are encouraged to obtain the form at the back of the church. The programme starts in September, where they shall receive the sacraments at Easter vigil and the programme continues till Pentecost.

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.

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 26th July	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£0	£0
Total	£1,250	£2,400

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

Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose Collection	£147.93
Gift Aid Envelopes	£25.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£152.00
Online giving via website	£0.00
Total	£324.93
Votive candles	£113.05

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 27th July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Kitty Stanley
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 28th July	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	May Kinsella
		10.00am	Prisca Magno Rodrigues RIP (3rd Anniversary)
Monday 29th July	Feast of St Mary Magdalene	9:00am	Annamma Chacko RIP
Tuesday 30th July	Feast of St Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe	9:00am	Varghese Chacko RIP
Wed 31st July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Philip Rodgers RIP
		1.00pm	John Radcliffe Chapel
Thursday 01st August	Feast of St James, Apostle	9:00am	Joan Manuell RIP
Friday 02nd August	Memorial of Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:00am	For the departed souls of Mr. Jose, Thomas and all souls in purgatory
Saturday 03rd August	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Thanksgiving mass Filomena and Paulo (1st Wedding Anniversary)
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	John Pill RIP
Sunday 04th August	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Michael Brien
		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.