

Please pray for those who have recently died: Joan Manuell

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in September: Kathleen Marshall, John Szewczyk, Heriberto Carreon, Patrick Denning, Moira Redfern, Ann Ashfield, John Billington, Joselito Villena, Sebastian Rhys Ciocon

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

Dates for your diary...

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Nevin Vuddamalay	Paul Moore
Sunday Readers: 8:30 am	Georges Yindom	Noah Odili
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Ewa Posner, Edmund Henry	Geoff O'Donoghue, Linda Uzoma
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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1st September 2024

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B



Today, we rejoice in God's Law, pure religion. This Law is fulfilled in the Sacrament of love and dwells only in a pure and transformed heart. Hence, today's readings lead us to reflect on the best way to obey it for the sake of our salvation.

In our first reading, Moses reminded his people of God's commandment and urged them to be steadfast in order to be successful in life. Notably, he warned them not to add or remove from it. However, this warning was not heeded because the Pharisees multiplied the Ten Commandments to about six hundred and thirteen legal codes. They made life practically and extremely difficult for the people of God. This was why, later in Galatians 3, Paul had to make many cases "against the law." He did not wholly condemn the Law but the way his fellow Pharisees conceived, abused, and presented it. He argued that the spirit of the Law was more important than its letters.

In today's gospel, Jesus confronted the Pharisees because of their hypocrisy. They never observed the law that they multiplied for their people. This is a dangerous way of life that we must be careful of. We must not live a hypocritical life or even make life difficult for others.

The malicious intentions, the hatred, pride, and corrupt tendencies we harbour in our hearts are what define and make us who we are. They are the vices that make us bad. We must evict them before they rock our spiritual boat. They are the real and hidden enemies that we must fight and defeat daily. The quality of our life is measured by the quality of our hearts and minds. If our mind and heart are infested and sick, our body will be sick a thousand times more, even without one knowing it. So, the most important thing God needs from us is a pure heart, as Christ taught us: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Mt 5, 8).

The best way to be faithful to God's command is to allow our hearts to be transformed by it. So, rather than pay excessive attention to the letters of the law and physical purity, we must heed Paul's advice: "Let your hearts be inwardly transformed so that you will know the will of God." (Rom 12, 2). God's will is his law. It must motivate us to love others and to avoid evil. His will must evoke true repentance and a sincere desire to forgive others and keep us firm in the faith. Above all, it must move us to pursue what is right, just, noble, and holy. Of course, the best way to do this is to let our Christianity find expressions in how we live, love, and treat one another.

Today's Reading: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps14; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Responsorial Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Next Sunday: Isaiah 35:4-7; Ps 145; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

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:

Roof replacement work will commence w.e.f. 03rd September and last between five and six weeks. There will be some parking restrictions on the parking lots on the right side of the church at times. Pedestrian access to the parish office, presbytery and emergency hall exit will be accessible at all times.

Car park changes: The parking meter, ANPR camera, signage and in-church tablet will be installed on Friday 6th September with a view to going "live" soon after. The implications for car park users is summarised on a handout available at the back of church, on the notice board and on the website.

Phishing emails! Please be aware that emails have been received by parishioners, purportedly from Fr Emmanuel, asking for money. **IT IS A SCAM!** Do not reply but please forward to the parish email account (stanthonyop.oxford@rcaob.org.uk), so that the archdiocese can be made aware.

Finding Colin - a novel by Father Martin Flatman. Some parishioners may remember Father Martin who used to be in our parish. He has recently published a novel and is available for purchase on Amazon.

First Holy Communion - For all parents or guardians of children 7 years or older who wish their children to be prepared for First Holy Communion .please complete the application form which you will find on the website and hand in with the child's baptism certificate to the office. The application must be received by October 20th and classes will begin in early November.

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.

March for Life, Saturday 7th September, 1.30 pm to 4 pm. Leaves from the Emmanuel Centre (SW1P 3DW) finishing in Parliament Square Website. we want to invite participants to join an Oxford contingent travelling down on the bus together and if anyone wants information about that they should have a look at ... <https://prolifecommunityoxford.org.uk/m4/>

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 has been replaced at a reduced cost of £2,162.15. 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 30th Aug	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£10	£145
Total	£2,060	£3,971

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

Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose Collection	£307.78
Gift Aid Envelopes	£5.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£232.50
Online giving via website	£0.00
Total	£545.28
Votive candles	£42.30

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 31st August	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Louis Varkey RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 01st September	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Teresa Lyone RIP
		10.00am	Prayers for another job to earn more
Monday 02nd September	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	For all souls
Tuesday 03rd September	Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church	9:00am	Maureen Shiel
Wed 04th September	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Patrick Denning RIP
		1.00pm	John Radcliffe Chapel
Thursday 05th September	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Donor's Intentions
Friday 06th September	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Donor's Intentions
Saturday 07th September	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Donor's Intentions
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Donor's Intentions
Sunday 08th September	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Donor's Intentions
		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.