

Please pray for those who have recently died: Chris Byrne and Shaun McCarthy

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in October: Breda Dwyer, Lee Hagan, John O'Sullivan, Margaret Bagley, Pat Deeley

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 October. 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, Nuala Lula McNally

Dates for your diary...

Mass for the deceased, Saturday 23rd November, 11am. A mass dedicated to all who have lost loved ones in the past year.

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Jane Kennett	Nevin Vuddamalay
Sunday Readers: 8:30 am	Rajesh Paul	Georges Yindom
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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20th October 2024

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B



In today's gospel, the other ten Apostles and become vexed with James and John and to tell them what they thought of their selfish worldly ambitions. However, our Lord's gentle answer: "You do not know what you are asking" shows us that ignorance of the nature of the kingdom he was going to set up, was the cause of their very human ambitions. They thought the Messiah would set up a political kingdom in Palestine, oust the pagan Romans and eventually extend his kingdom to all nations. That this kingdom he would set up would be universal, extending to all nations; but that this kingdom would be spiritual, not political, was not grasped by most of Christ's contemporaries including the Apostles.

Jesus took this opportunity to tell them that he would set up a glorious kingdom but that his sufferings and death would be a necessary prelude to its establishment. He had already referred to his sufferings and death three times, but the mention fell on deaf ears. Their argument was: how could he suffer death when he has still to establish his earthly kingdom? It was by means of his sufferings and death that he would establish his glorious kingdom. He challenged the two Apostles then to know if they were willing to pay the price for a high place in his glorious kingdom: were they prepared to follow him through suffering and death? He accepted their affirmation, knowing it to be true, but told them their position of honour depended on his Father's decision.

Because man has a free-will, he is liable to abuse it by choosing what is sinful and wrong. Most of the crosses and trials we meet in life are caused by violations—by ourselves and others—of the rules of life and the laws of charity and justice. To prevent this abuse of free-will, God would have to deprive men of that essential gift which, with his intellect, makes him a man. Would God want to prevent all such injustices and all this inhumanity of man toward his fellowman? How would we, his children on earth, earn heaven if this world were an earthly paradise? God is the kindest of fathers. He wants us all in heaven. He has mapped out the road which will lead us there. He allows these hardships to come our way so that we can prepare for our real future life.

With James and John, let us tell our divine Lord that we are ready to follow him on the path to Calvary; that we are ready to drink the cup of sufferings which he drank and to be immersed in the sorrows which he endured. He went through all of this for us; we are doing it for our own sakes. He carried the real cross—ours is light when compared with his; furthermore, he will help us to bear our daily trial and struggles. How could any Christian become weary and fainthearted when he has Christ helping him on the road?

Today's Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11; Ps32; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

Responsorial Psalm: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Next Sunday: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Ps125; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

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 week for World Mission Sunday.

Whilst Fr Emmanuel is on holiday there will be NO 9am MASS on MONDAYS.

Roof replacement notice - Whilst scaffolding is in place the garden is out of bounds to children after the Sunday 10:00 Mass.

Car park changes: The ANPR camera, signage and in-church tablet have been installed. 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.

THIS SYSTEM WILL PROBABLY GO LIVE ON MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER.

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 on the website and hand in with the child's baptism certificate to the office. Hard copies are also available at the back of church. The application must be received by October 20th and classes will begin in early November.

Curry night tickets to raise funds for the church roof will be on sale after all masses this weekend. It will be held at 730pm on **Saturday 26th October after the Vigil Mass**. Tickets are £15 for adults and £10 for children aged 10 and younger. Please support this event, which is kindly being organized by John Denning and the food is being prepared by Michael of the Syro Malabar community. **THIS WEEKEND IS THE LAST TIME THAT TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE. IF YOU HAVE SAID THAT YOU WISH TO COME BUT HAVE NOT PAID, PLEASE DO SO THIS WEEKEND.** There will be a raffle, and wine and soft drinks will be on sale so please bring some money with you!

The **Association for Latin Liturgy** autumn open meeting will take place at Blackfriars, St Giles', Oxford, on Saturday 26th October. Solemn Mass at 11.00 (in the ordinary form); talk by Richard Conrad, OP, on "The Trinitarian dynamic of the Eucharistic Sacrifice" at 2.00. A buffet lunch is available, if booked in advance at <https://latin-liturgy.org/meetings> where more details can be found.

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 16th Oct	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£100	£25
Total	£2,170	£4,246

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

Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose Collection	£271.93
Gift Aid Envelopes	£20.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£185.00
Online giving via website	£100.00
Total	£476.89
Votive candles	£177.68

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 19th October	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Memoriam Mass - Jose & Monserrat Nuique
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	John Doherty RIP
Sunday 20th October	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Donor's intention
		10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 21st October	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	NO MASS
Tuesday 22nd October	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Donor's Intention
Wed 23rd October	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Maria Luisa e Benevides De Carvalho RIP (11th month anniversary)
		1.00pm	John Radcliffe Chapel
Thursday 24th October	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Prayers for Kim during surgery
Friday 25th October	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Birthday thanksgiving for Makpemose Enwefah
Saturday 26th October	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Annamma Chacko RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 27th October	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Annamma Chacko RIP
		10.00am	Sally McNally (Month's Mind mass)

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.