

**Please pray for those who have recently died:** Glenys Jones

**...and for those whose anniversaries occur in January:** Julie Bevan, Mary McNally, Mary Lillis, Bernie Gavin, Dennis Chiles, Sally Roberts, Madeline Carvell, Fr Anthony de Vere, Thomse Denning

**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](mailto: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 January.** There is no need to do so if their names were on the list in 2023/2024.

**Online prayer & faith resources.** A range of resources is given on our parish website [stanthonyofpadua.org.uk/resources/](http://stanthonyofpadua.org.uk/resources/).

**Keeping in touch.** We send this 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](mailto: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, Nuala Lula McNally

**Dates for your diary...**

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Catherine Joseph	Agnes Valencak
Sunday Readers: 8:30 am	Noah Odili	Hilary Lappage
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Geoff O'Donoghue, Linda Uzoma	Aodora Chukwu, Tony Coates
Eucharistic ministers (10am)	Ewa, John, Eugene	Mary, 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](mailto:sg.stanthonyop.oxford@rcaob.org.uk). The Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.*

## **St Anthony of Padua, Oxford**

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**12th January 2025**

### **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Year C**



The first lesson for the Baptism of the Lord comes from the Prophet Isaiah, written eight centuries before the birth of Christ. Even so, the text beautifully illustrates for us who Jesus is, the Chosen One, upon whom God's Spirit rests, who brings justice and light to the nations, opens eyes that are blind, releases prisoners and all who are confined in darkness. Such encouraging words for all of us! And all who will come after us as well.

While Jesus is Prophet, Prince of Peace and Messiah, He is first and foremost a servant. As Jesus described himself: I have come to serve not to be served. This sets the tone for the public ministry of the Lord, which began after His baptism, ultimately leading to suffering and death, with an enormous sacrificial value: nothing less than resurrected and eternal life in Christ.

Jesus was endowed with the Spirit of God, like the kings of old, but also different, by not being set on defeating and conquering others. Instead, Jesus' mission is realized through meekness and peace. Only the devil is defeated and conquered by the saving deeds of the Lord. As a result, humanity can experience justice, liberation and light. No greater gifts can come to the human race, to each of us.

In the second reading for the Mass of the Baptism of the Lord, from the Acts of the Apostles, the inspired hand of the Evangelist Luke tells us that Saint Peter, the prince of the Apostles, sees the baptism of Jesus at the moment of the anointing of the Messiah Lord. As such, Jesus possesses the power to perfectly fulfil the mission described by the Prophet Isaiah centuries earlier.

The role that Jesus has on earth is rooted in His unique relationship to God. Jesus is the "Beloved Son" of the Father, who anoints Jesus at the time of baptism, for the unique mission as Savior of the world, who died and rose so we might be full partakers in God's Kingdom, on earth and in Heaven.

Jesus is not the Spirit-filled Son of God for Himself, but for all God's people, past, present and still to be born. The new and final era of Salvation History begins when Jesus is Baptized, and our own Baptism, as infants, young people or adults, is closely linked to Jesus' Baptism. By our Baptism we are anointed to become full partakers in God's life, which we want to cultivate throughout our life. How best to do so? By lives of loving service and self-forgetfulness, in accordance with our particular vocation in life. Saint Teresa of Calcutta used to say, what matters most in life is not how many people we touch, but the quality with which we touch those who enter our lives. May we commit ourselves to Jesus Christ totally and find our deepest joy and delight in the Lord.

#### **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.

**Today's Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps28; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 or**

**Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps103; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

**Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

**Next Sunday: Isaiah 62:1-5; Ps 95; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11**

**NOTICES:**

**HEATING IN CHURCH WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR THE TIME BEING** after a recent gas survey. We apologise for any inconvenience.

**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. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CHURCH CANNOT TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY FINES ISSUED UNLESS THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH THE TABLETS, IN WHICH CASE PLEASE NOTIFY THE PARISH OFFICE IMMEDIATELY (by phone or email).**

**Roof replacement notice - Whilst scaffolding is in place the garden is out of bounds to children.**

**The Jubilee year** starts at the beginning of Advent. A companion booklet explaining the Jubilee from the point of view of scripture. £1.50. Money in CTS box please.

As of 29th Dec	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£50	£0
Total	£2,290	£5,696

**Parish appeal 2024**

- The **card reader, parish website, or direct bank transfer.**

Bank details: RCAOB St Anthony of Padua. Sort code 60-10-28. Account number 66574919. Ref: Building

**Last week's offertory collection**

Offertory	Total
Loose Collection	£295.06
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£300.00
Online giving via website	£265.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£870.06</b>
Votive candles (29.12 & 05.01)	£219.33

**Monthly standing orders : £1231**

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 11th January	Christmas Feria	9:00am	Mary Logue RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Hesanmi family thanksgiving
Sunday 12th January	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	8.30am	John O'Neill RIP
		10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 13th January	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Varghese Chacko RIP
Tuesday 14th January	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	John O'Neill RIP
Wed 15th January	Feria of Ordinary Time	9.00am	Please keep all my family in prayers
		1.00pm	John Radcliffe Chapel
Thursday 16th January	Feria of Ordinary Time	9:00am	Martin Ryan Intentions
Friday 17th January	Memorial of St Anthony, Abbot	9:00am	Louis Varkey RIP
Saturday 18th January	Feria of Ordinary Time	9:00am	Paula & Jane Egan RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Glenys Jones RIP
Sunday 19th January	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Tommy Scally & Pat Leonard RIP
		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.