

**Please pray for those who have recently died:** Gwen Evans

**...and for those whose anniversaries occur in February:** Fr Francis Ighorurhie MSP, Truc Nguyen, Rev Fr Joseph Etim MSP, Pauline Willan, Florrie Murphy, Gladys Glyn, Katheleen Cassidy, Ann Byrne, Julie Denning, John 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 February.** 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...**

|                                | <b>This weekend</b>                    | <b>Next weekend</b>     |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Vigil readers                  | Nevin Vuddamalay                       | Catherine Joseph        |
| <u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am | Noah Odili                             | Hilary Lappage          |
| Sunday Readers: 10:00 am       | Monica Agyapong,<br>Michael Onobhayedo | Ewa Posner, John Barker |
| 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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**09th February 2025**

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**



The Gospel is a reading from St. Luke. How the wisdom of God differs from the wisdom of men! If a businessman of today were choosing a chairman and assistants for the world-wide enterprise he was about to set up, is it likely that he would choose them from among the unknown, unlettered fishermen of Galilee? Yet Christ, who was about to set up not only a world-wide institute but an everlasting one, chose these simple fishermen and made them his assistants and his successors in the work that he had taken in hand.

There were many highly educated priests and scribes in Jerusalem whom Christ could have won over, men who could preach and instruct so much more eloquently than Peter or Andrew. There were Roman officers in Palestine who were highly educated, and who would be much more eagerly listened to in the Gentile world. There were Greek philosophers whose very name would add prestige to the Gospel message had they been Apostles. Yet it was to none of these that Christ entrusted the arduous task of spreading the good news of the Gospel, it was to none of these that he gave the keys of his kingdom.

Christ was not influenced in his judgement by external, accidental qualifications. He judged the heart and the will. He knew the true worth of men. Furthermore, the society that he was about to set up was not a worldly business concern but a free transport system to heaven. The truths he was committing to its keeping were not based on earthly wisdom which would require eloquence and prestige to bolster them up. They were the eternal, divine truths which needed no human propaganda, no help from mere men.

Thus, in the selection of his Apostles, Christ has given us an extra proof, if one were needed, of his own divine wisdom and of the divine origin of the Christian religion which we profess. Our religion is not man-made, God is its author.

While thanking God today for our Christian religion, with its clearly-drawn map of salvation, let us show our appreciation by doing our own little part, as humble apostles, weak but willing helpers of Christ. This we can do without eloquence, or personal prestige. We do so by living as true Christians in our homes, in our places of work, and in our recreations, by carrying our cross daily and patiently, ever ready to give a hand when the neighbour's cross seems too heavy for him. This will be Christian eloquence, this will be a true apostleship of Christ, because actions speak louder than words.

**Today's Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8; Ps137; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11**

**Responsorial Psalm: Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.**

**Next Sunday: Jeremiah 17:5-8; Ps 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26**

**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:**

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

**Until further notice 9am morning Mass is being celebrated in the church hall, in the warm!**

**Unfortunately this means however that there will be no weekday masses lived streamed at this time.**

**Divine Mercy Conference RDS Dublin (Online)**

- Friday, 21.02.2025 from 6pm to 9pm
- Saturday, 22.02.2025 from 10am to 8pm
- Sunday, 23.02.2025 from 10am to 5pm

Take part in adoration, talks, rosary and mass. View on Youtube, Churchservices.tv and/or ShalomWorld.

**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).**

**Silver Jubilee Celebration** for the Missionary Society of St Paul UK region, Friday 14th February, 6.30pm at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7HY. All welcome. To RSVP, contact Fr Francis Arinze Ayogu MSP at f.ayogu@mspfathers.co.uk or 07534 050125.

**Now of the Church** - a new Young Adults group open to young adults of post school age to 30 years old. Every first Sunday of the month post 6.30pm mass at Corpus Christi Church, Headington OX3 8AJ. If you are looking for a way to discuss and explore your faith whilst socialising with other young adults, this group is exactly what you are looking for.

| As of 05th Feb | Gift Aided | Non Gift Aided |
|----------------|------------|----------------|
| Last week      | £0         | £0             |
| Total          | £2,290     | £5,996         |

**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.

**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               | £195.53          |
| Gift Aid Envelopes             | £10.00           |
| Card Reader Machine Collection | £105.00          |
| Online giving via website      | £740.00          |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>£1,050.53</b> |
| Votive candles                 | £66.98           |

**Monthly standing orders : £1231**

| Date                   | Day  | Time    | Intention                                |
|------------------------|--|---------|--|
| Saturday 08th February | Feria in Ordinary Time   | 9:00am  | Mary Collins                             |
|                        | Vigil Mass   | 6.30pm  | People of the Parish                     |
| Sunday 09th February   | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  | 8.30am  | Deceased of the Coyne family             |
|                        |  | 10.00am | Repose of the Soul of Pamela Slater      |
| Monday 10th February   | Memorial of St Scholastica, Virgin                                   | 9:00am  | Birthday of Juliao Ximenes (RIP)         |
| Tuesday 11th February  | Feria of Ordinary Time   | 9.00am  | Thankgiving mass for hearing our prayers |
| Wed 12th February      | Feria of Ordinary Time   | 9.00am  | Varghese Chacko RIP                      |
|                        |  | 1.00pm  | John Radcliffe Chapel                    |
| Thursday 13th February | Feria of Ordinary Time   | 9:00am  | John Denning Jr. RIP (2nd Anniversary)   |
| Friday 14th February   | Feast of St Cyril, Monk, and St Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe | 9:00am  | All Souls                                |
| Saturday 15th February | Feria in Ordinary Time   | 9:00am  | Louis Varkey RIP                         |
|                        | Vigil Mass   | 6.30pm  | People of the Parish                     |
| Sunday 16th February   | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  | 8.30am  | Kelly Cronin RIP                         |
|                        |  | 10.00am | Dermott McBride RIP                      |

**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.