

Please pray for those who have recently died: Gwen Evans

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in March: Fr John McNally, Elland Holland, Alf Hill, Mary Garnham, Peter Cassidy, Hugh O'Hara, Walter Garnham, Samuel Garnham, Teodora Balatbat

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 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/.

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 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...

Catholic Men: Looking for Faith, Friendship, and Fun? The Catenians could be your perfect match! They're an international network of Catholic men who meet regularly to support each other, strengthen faith, and most importantly - have a great time together. Visit their website: <https://www.thamesvalleycatenians.org.uk/>

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Nevin Vuddamalay	Catherine Joseph
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Rajesh Paul	Georges Yindom
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Monica Agyapong, Michael Onobhayedo	Ewa Posner, John Barker
Eucharistic ministers (10am)	Mary, 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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16th March 2025
2nd Sunday of Lent Year C



It was out of the abundance of his divine love that God gave a glimpse of the future glory of Christ in his risen humanity to the three disciples on that memorable occasion. And with Christ he showed two others of his faithful servants also in glory. He understood the human weakness of the disciples, and foresaw the shock to their faith which the sad scenes of the passion and crucifixion of their beloved Master would be some weeks later. So, to strengthen and forearm them for that sad trial, he gave them a glimpse of the future glory which was to be theirs, too, if they persevered.

Like the Apostles, we, too, believe firmly in God. We, too, are convinced that Christ was sent by God to bring us to heaven. We now have much more convincing proof that Christ was not only the Messiah, an envoy of God, but the very Son of God—something the Apostles did not then understand. But we are still very like them in our human weakness, and in our half-hearted acceptance of God's purpose for and promises to us.

The Apostles had to face the awful test to their faith and trust in God, which the passion and crucifixion of Christ was for them. We now accept with gratitude and realize that Christ "had to suffer and thus enter into his glory." We even understand that the very purpose of Christ's passion was that, in spite of our mortality and weakness, we also might enter into eternal glory through his suffering, on condition that we remain true to our faith.

In our moments of cool, calm reasoning we can see clearly how good God has been to us, how wonderful his love which has arranged for us an eternity of happiness, the perfect fulfilment of every rational human desire. We can also see how little God asks of us during our few short years here, in return for the everlasting happy home he has prepared for us.

Unfortunately, we have many moments in life in which cool, calm reasoning does not prevail. We have moments when our vices and not our virtues take charge, moments when we are prepared to sell our eternal heritage in exchange for a mess of earthly pottage. Some of us may already have bartered our heavenly home for some temporal gain or pleasure—but while there is life there is hope. We can still put things right with God.

It is wonderful to be assured that in death this body of ours with its pains and aches, its attraction to earthly things and worse still its propensity to sin, will give place to a glorified body. This glorified body will be free from all pain and corruption and will possess all the human spiritual gifts of intelligence and will to so much greater a degree as will enable us to appreciate and enjoy the eternal happiness in store for us.

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: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps26; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my help.

Next Sunday: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; Ps102; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

NOTICES:

Second collection: There will be a second collection this weekend for the National Shrine of Our Lady.
Stations of the Cross: Every Friday during Lent after the 9.am Mass and at 7pm.

Walk With Me booklets and Children's Jubilee Calendars for Lent available at the back of church. Please put the money in the CTS box.

BIG LENT WALK. A group from the parish CAFOD supporter group are planning to walk 250km during Lent and are hoping to raise £1000. Please support them with your prayers and, if possible, with your sponsorship!
 Details of ways in which you can do so are on the CAFOD noticeboard in the porch but the simplest way is via Just Giving (on the Just Giving website search: SAOP Oxford The CAFOD 3).

Lenten discussion groups:

1 Churches Together in Marston and Northway, Ecumenical discussion groups for Lent based on the hymn "There is a green hill far away". Meeting at two venues in Marston on Thursdays at 10am and 7.30pm, starting on 6th March. To book your place, please contact Ian 078 6020 9998 (morning session) or Val 246 157 (evening sessions).

2. 'Let it Be' - Lent 2025 - Informal Café style discussions on how Mary helps us to be filled with God's love. The discussions are a great way to explore and deepen your faith, share views and meet others. No need to sign up, just drop in - as and when you can. **When & where:** Thursday's: 6th, 13th & 27th Mar, 3rd & 10th April) starting at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall at Corpus Christi Church. More info from johnkirwan1a@gmail.com

Volunteers needed: Fr E would like volunteers to form a new Parish Social Committee (which hasn't functioned since lockdown), to plan social events for 2025. Please contact Fr directly or via the parish office.

We also need an extra one or two people to count the collection on Wednesday mornings at 0930. Please contact jane.kennett@googlemail.com if you can spare an hour to help.

The Archdiocese of Birmingham Diocese Directory 2025 is on sale at the back of church: Prices can be found on the front cover of the booklet. Please put money in the CTS box.

Car park changes: 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).

Free Breakfast Club in your Parish School - We are excited to announce that your parish school, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, is launching a free breakfast club for all pupils from the beginning of the summer term. We have been chosen to be an early adopter of this Government initiative and are looking forward to welcoming children to school from 08:10am and offering a free breakfast, along with a supportive and fun start to the school day for all our pupils. Please see the school website or contact the school office for more information.

Parish appeal 2024/25

- 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

As of 12th Mar	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£0	£0
Total	£2,290	£6,046

Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose Collection	£328.84
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£105.00
Online giving via website	£0.00
Total	£443.84
Votive candles	£61.35

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Second collection (CAFOD): £239.05

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 15th March	Lent Feria	9:00am	Freda Ready RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 16th March	Second Sunday of Lent	8.30am	Louis Varkey RIP
		10.00am	Julieta de Araujo RIP
Monday 17th March	Feast of St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland	9:00am	Birthday thanksgiving Michael Onob-hayedo
Tuesday 18th March	Lent Feria	9.00am	Jim Bourke RIP
Wed 19th March	Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00am	Slawek prayer list*
		1.00pm	John Radcliffe Chapel
Thursday 20th March	Lent Feria	9:00am	Joan Manuell Birthday (RIP)
Friday 21st March	Lent Feria	9:00am	Mary Audrey Robinson RIP
Saturday 22nd March	Lent Feria	9:00am	Terry Kennedy
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 23rd March	Third Sunday of Lent	8.30am	James Reidy
		10.00am	Joao de sa Benevides RIP

*Prayer list: Jorge (Pope Francis), Monika, Amal, Luke, Carolina, Eric, Lara, Mike, Gustav, Nikolai and his Nation, Red and his Nation, and Father Colin.

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.