

Please pray for those who have recently died: Gwen Evans

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in April: Jean Collard, Gerry Buck, Ted Busbey, Edward Murphy, Ann McNally, Leonardo De Guzman, Patricia Wilson, Joseph Igwe Ovia, Jim Robertson, Sr Bernadette, Erlinda Tianio

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 April. 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](#)

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...

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Paul Moore	Nevin Vuddamalay
Sunday Readers: 8:30 am	Rajesh Paul	Georges Yindom
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Ewa Posner, John Barker	Caroline Griffiths, Monica Agyapong
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. The Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

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27th April 2025
Second Sunday of Easter Year C



Today's reading, from the Gospel of John, is proclaimed on the second Sunday of Easter in each of the three Sunday Lectionary cycles. This should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus? Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. We do not know exactly what this form was like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize the figure standing before her until Jesus spoke her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected body, Jesus was no longer bound by space; he appeared to the disciples in spite of the locked door. And yet, on this resurrected body, the disciples could still observe the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.

Today's Reading: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 117; Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31
Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Ps 29; Apocalypse 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

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:

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 IMMEDIATLEY (by phone or email).

Churches Together in Marston and Northway, Third Thursdays Together Ecumenical Fellowship at Marston United Reformed Church, 352 Marston Road, Oxford. OX3 0JB starting May 15th. Each day starts at 11am. Please bring a packed lunch. See noticeboard for more details.

Bingo night: The CHF Oxford Fellowship are holding a bingo night on Wednesday 7th May at Headington Conservative club in Windmill Road. Doors open at 7pm and eyes down at 8pm. Raffle tickets will be on sale from John Denning from this weekend.

CAFOD: The total amount raised for the Lenten fast day was £417.05, and for the Big Lenten Walk was £1000. Thank you so much for your prayers, support and donations.

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 23rd Apr	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£0	£0
Total	£2,290	£6,096

Last week’s offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose collection	£603.96
Gift Aid Envelopes	£0.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£304.00
Online giving via website	£0.00
Total	£602.92
Votive candles	£60.38

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Second collection - Holy Places: £393.04

Second collection - The Poor (Food Bank): £141.66

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 26th April	Easter Saturday, Solemnity	9.00am	Birthday thanksgiving for Ufuoma MJ Omo-Enwefah
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 27th April	Second Sunday of Easter	8.30am	Agnes Malone RIP
		10.00am	Salvador Carrazedo Saldauha RIP and Ushang’s 2nd birthday
Monday 28th April	Solemnity of St George, Martyr, Patron of England	9:00am	Sean & Kay Reilly 50th Wedding Anniversary
Tuesday 29th April	Feast of Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Dr of the church, Patron of Europe	9.00am	Annamma Chacko RIP
Wed 30th April	Easter Feria	9.00am	All Souls
		1.00pm	JR Chapel
Thursday 01st May	Easter Feria	9.00am	Birthday thanksgiving Margaret Onobayedo
Friday 02nd May	Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the church	9.00am	Maria Luisa e Benevides De Carvalho RIP
Saturday 03rd May	Feast of Ss Philip and James, Apostles	9.00am	Maria Fatima RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Esmeralda Garcia Borges RIP
Sunday 04th May	Third Sunday of Easter	8.30am	Thanksgiving RR Kathleen Traynor 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.