

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](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...

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Easter Rota	Paul Moore
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Easter Rota	Rajesh Paul
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Easter Rota	Ewa Posner, John Barker
Eucharistic ministers (10am)	Easter Rota	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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20th April 2025

Solemnity of The Resurrection of The Lord Year C



Today, Easter Sunday, St. Paul reminds us that we have this happiness within our grasp. We are moving steadily and more quickly than we realize toward it. The Holy Trinity, God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, have already done, and are daily continuing to do for us, all within their power. All that is needed is that we do the little that is asked of us.

St. Paul tells us we must "mind the things that are above not the things that are on earth." We must never let the "things of earth," the pleasures, the power, the possessions, which we can or could have in this life, block or impede us on our upward journey. Does this mean we must all return to the deserts of Egypt, as some early Christians did? By no means. We are not forbidden to have the lawful pleasures of life. We are not forbidden possessions or power if they are used justly. All we are forbidden is the unlawful use of the things of the world.

The **Gospel** for Easter is from *John 20:1-9*. The accounts of the resurrection of Christ differ in many details in the different writings of the New Testament, but the fact of the resurrection stressed in all of them, was the basis of the new Christian Faith. Had it not happened, Christianity would have been stillborn. It would have disappeared from Jerusalem and the world on that first Easter Sunday.

But Christ was no mere man of kindly acts and words of wisdom. He was the Messiah promised for centuries. He was the suffering servant foretold by Isaiah, whose perfect obedience to his Father had led him to the Cross and the grave. But above all, he was the Son of God who had emptied himself of his divine glory in order to be the perfect human servant of the Father, and who was now raised by the Father, with his divine glory restored, and his glorified resurrected body sharing in that glory. This was the kind of divine plan of God for mankind: through Christ, and because of Christ's perfect obedience, all mankind would be made worthy of divine sonship, and worthy of one day rising like Christ from the grave in glorified bodies.

Is all this too good to be true? It is, if we make God in our image and likeness, as so many opponents of Christianity do. He is God and his love is infinite and incomprehensible to us. The Incarnation, death and resurrection of his Divine Son for man's sake is the greatest proof of love for us that even the omnipotent God could give. He has given it. As a necessary consequence from this act of divine love, we are guaranteed our resurrection from the dead to a life of unending happiness and glory if we do not, in extreme folly, reject God's offer.

Today's Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Ps 117; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8;

John 20:1-9 or (Easter vigil) Luke 24:1-12 or (eve mass) Luke 24:13-35

Responsorial Psalm: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 117; Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

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 IMMEDIATELY (by phone or email).

The latest OFSTED report for St Joseph's Catholic Primary School has been published and we are delighted to share it with you! <https://www.st-josephs-pri.oxon.sch.uk/about-us/ofsted-report-feb-2025>
Please visit our school website to access the full report, along with an explanation of the report from our headteacher Ms Tweedie.

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.

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 16th Apr	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£0	£0
Total	£2,290	£6,096

Father Emmanuel, Father Tony and the Parish Team would like to wish all parishioners a blessed Easter. May the Spirit who infused the dead humanity of Jesus Christ and raised it in glory likewise infuse you your humanity and fill you with God's life.

Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose Collection	£442.92
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£150.00
Online giving via website	£0.00
Total	£602.92
Votive candles	£143.06

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 19th April	Holy Saturday	9:00pm	Mary Leahy RIP
Sunday 20th April	Solemnity of the Resurrection of The Lord	8.30am	Veronica Smith Intentions
		10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 21st April	Easter Monday, Solemnity	9:00am	Frank Traynor RIP
Tuesday 22nd April	Easter Tuesday, Solemnity	9.00am	Philomena Toweey RIP
Wed 23rd April	Easter Wednesday, Solemnity	9.00am	Kate Creegan RIP
		1.00pm	JR Chapel
Thursday 24th April	Easter Thursday, Solemnity	9.00am	Sinead Lyons Intentions
Friday 25th April	Easter Friday, Solemnity	9.00am	Kathleen McSherry RIP
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

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.