

Please pray for those who have recently died: Gwen Evans

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in May: Margaret Carton, Margaret Crowe, Pam Regan, Larry King, Pamela Denning, Patrick McNally, Elizabeth O'Hara, Ann Rae, Patricia Hodgson

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 May. 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	Nevin Vuddamalay	Catherine Joseph
Sunday Readers: 8:30 am	Georges Yindom	Noah Odili
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Caroline Griffiths, Monica Agyapong	Geoff O'Donoghue, Linda Uzoma
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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04th May 2025

Third Sunday of Easter Year C



In the gospel, the primary purpose in recounting this appearance of the Risen Christ to his Apostles, was to stress the actual conferring of the Primacy on Peter. From this very first meeting with Christ at the Jordan, the Saviour had told him that his name Simon bar-Jonah would be changed to Cephas, which means Rock. Some year or so later, at Caesarea Philippi, this change took place when Christ said to Simon, "You are (Peter) Rock. and upon this Rock I will build my Church . . . and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 16:18-19).

This promise, that Simon would be the foundation, the source of strength and unity, in the new Christian community, was made factual on the occasion described here by John. Christ uses a new metaphor—Simon (Peter) is to be the new shepherd—he would take the place of Christ, as head and director of the Christian flock. He would provide protection and pasturage for Christ's sheep and lambs. He would, in other words, be the keeper and head of Christ's Church.

That this position of authority was recognized by his fellow Apostles and by the first Christians, is evident in almost every page of the Acts—the book which describes the infant Church. In face of such evidence no serious historian can doubt but that the other Apostles and the first Christians saw in Peter the living head of the Church, the representative of Christ. The Church in the succeeding generations and centuries saw the successor of Peter, and the living representative of Christ in the occupant of the See of Rome, the bishopric held by Peter, when he was martyred for the faith. History is witness to this.

There were Christians who refused obedience to him, but not one of them claimed for himself the privilege of Peter and his successors. That the Church, the society founded by Christ to bring salvation to the world, should need a visible Head on earth, needs no further (and has not stronger) proof than that Christ himself saw it as necessary and arranged it accordingly. The power of the keys, given to Peter, were more necessary in the second and succeeding generations than in Peter's day, when the other Apostles were still alive. When Christ laid the foundation of his Church on a Rock, it was to be a Rock that would last as long as the Church. Peter died, but Peter's office will last until the last man goes to heaven. The Sheep and the Lambs of the twentieth and thirtieth centuries have as much need of pasturage and protection as, if not more than, those of the first century. Christ, our Saviour and our Good Shepherd, provided for all time.

Today's Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Ps 29; Apocalypse 5:11-14; John 21:1-19
Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.
Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52, Ps 99; Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17; John 10:27-30

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:

Second collection: There will be a second collection for the Clergy training fund next weekend.

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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY (8th June): The parish CAFOD group are arranging a walk to Littlemore on Pentecost Sunday to visit the church of Blessed Dominic Barbari, which has been chosen by Archbishop Bernard Longley as a particular place of pilgrimage during the Jubilee Year and for the granting of the Jubilee Year indulgence . We plan to leave at about 1130 (after the 10am Mass), and Fr Emmanuel will be giving a blessing when we arrive. All are welcome.

Love Marston Love Life: This annual event of music and activities will be held on Sunday 22nd June (3pm-5pm) at Mortimer Hall Park in Marston. Please support this CTNM event.

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 30th Apr	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£50	£0
Total	£2,340	£6,096

Last week’s offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose collection	£237.76
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£137.00
Online giving via website	£40.00
Total	£424.76
Votive candles	£96.90

Monthly standing orders : **£1231**

Date	Day	Time	Intention
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
Monday 05th May	Easter Feria	9:00am	Renato Antoniazzi RIP
Tuesday 06th May	Easter Feria	9.00am	Mary Conlon RIP
Wed 07th May	Easter Feria	9.00am	Anna Timmons RIP
		1.00pm	JR Chapel
Thursday 08th May	Easter Feria	9.00am	Michael Cronnelly RIP
Friday 09th May	Easter Feria	9.00am	Mary Nolan RIP
Saturday 10th May	Easter Feria	9.00am	Erin Sweeney Ints
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Pat Hodgson RIP
Sunday 11th May	Fourth Sunday of Easter	8.30am	Jacqueline Cunningham 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.