

**Please pray for those who have recently died:** Michael Mobay

**...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](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 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/](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...**

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Catherine Joseph	Agnes Valencak
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Noah Odili	Hilary Lappage
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Geoff O'Donoghue, Linda Uzoma	Tony Coates, May Macpherson
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.*

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**11th May 2025**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter Year C**



This Sunday is often called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus intended the beautiful parable of the Good Shepherd with its many consoling truths and promises for men of every century. We are all too prone to evaluate the words of the Gospel in an exclusively historical sense. The liturgy's primary aim is to portray the present, not the past, to give grace and life along with history. You must, therefore, give the parable a present-day context, apply it personally. After each sentence stop and say: Christ is doing this today — and to help me. The parable brings to our attention three consoling truths: Christ gives His life for His sheep; He remains with them constantly through the bond of grace; He will not rest content until there be but one flock and one shepherd.

Now how do these points affect me personally? My Shepherd's death means my deliverance—why, even at this very moment of Mass, redemption's graces are flooding my soul. Between Christ and myself there must exist a closer intimacy than even that between brothers, relatives, or friends. It is through Christ's efforts that I have been brought into the fold, and He is ever striving to make me a more perfect member of His flock.

In order to realize these ends, Christ instituted His Church. This Church is His representative. There we may approach Him, there He is close to us, there He continues His presence. The words He spoke will never die. Christ's words are as pregnant with life now as when they were first spoken. They give us the mind of our Good Shepherd as He instructs, warns, and consoles us; they are the words of a father, a mother, a brother, a friend, a judge.

Christ's body in the Eucharist gives flesh to His words in the Gospel. Never disjoin one from the other. For together they constitute our most valuable earthly treasure, together they give us the whole Christ. What He promises in the Gospel He fulfils in the Eucharist. And thus the Mass, comprising the word and the body of Christ, brings Him completely to us. In the Gospel He says, "I am the Good Shepherd"—in the Eucharistic Sacrifice the Good Shepherd becomes present. In the Gospel He proclaims, "I lay down My life for My sheep"—in the Eucharistic Sacrifice He pours His life into our souls. In the Gospel He tells us, "I know Mine and Mine know Me"—in the Eucharistic Sacrifice He fulfils His claim: Whoever eats My flesh abides in Me and I in Him. In the Gospel He says, "Other sheep I have ... them also must I bring"—through the Eucharistic Sacrifice He builds up His flock, gathering stray sheep into the fold.

These, then, are our two greatest treasures, Christ's words and Christ's body. By embracing both we embrace our Savior whole and entire.

**Today's Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52, Ps 99; Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17; John 10:27-30**

**Responsorial Psalm: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

**Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 144; Apocalypse 21:1-5; John 13:31-35**

**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 this weekend.

There will be a second collection for Christian Aid next weekend.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**, on Monday 12th May at 7pm.

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

Next Sunday the tea and coffee will be dispensed by members of the parish CAFOD group, so if you have any queries about CAFOD, or would like to join the group, please feel free to ask.

**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.

**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).**

As of 07th May	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£0	£0
Total	£2,340	£6,096

**Parish appeal 2024/25**

- The **card reader**, **parish website**, or direct **bank transfer**.

Bank details: RCOAB St Anthony of Padua. Sort code 60-10-28. Account number 66574919. Ref: Building

**Last week's offertory collection**

Offertory	Total
Loose collection	£315.37
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£250.00
Online giving via website	£100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£675.37</b>
Votive candles	£48.58

**Monthly standing orders : £1231**

Date	Day	Time	Intention
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
Monday 12th May	Easter Feria	9:00am	Varghese Chacko RIP
Tuesday 13th May	Easter Feria	9.00am	Pam Denning RIP
Wed 14th May	Feast of St Matthias, Apostle	9.00am	Sally Byrne-Burke RIP
		1.00pm	JR Chapel
Thursday 15th May	Easter Feria	9.00am	Patrick Hyland RIP
Friday 16th May	Easter Feria	9.00am	Louis Varkey RIP
Saturday 17th May	Easter Feria	9.00am	Birthday thanksgiving for Mr Columbus Bob Enwefah
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 18th May	Fifth Sunday of Easter	8.30am	Dorothy Houghton RIP
		10.00am	Thanksgiving for Dora's 11th birthday

**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.