

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.

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	Jane Kennett	Agnes Valencak
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Hilary Lappage	Georges Yindom
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Tony Coates, May Macpherson	Caroline Griffiths, Monica Agyapong
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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18th May 2025
Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C



We are disciples, followers of Christ, but how many of us would pass the test that Christ himself lays down for deciding who are his true followers? The word "charity" unfortunately has come to have a very restricted meaning in our present-day vocabulary. It signifies giving alms, a gift of money to a needy person. This is but a very small part of the true charity, true love of neighbour which Christ made the distinguishing mark of the true Christian. He who truly loves his neighbour must be interested, first and foremost, in those things which concern that neighbour's most important purpose in life, his eternal salvation.

Here is where so many good Christians fail in true charity. Effective interest in missionary activity is a case in point. Practical help in parochial matters, taking part in the various societies which are intended to build up and strengthen the faith and the devotion of the members of the parish is another obligation of true charity. So many seem to think it is no concern of theirs but it is. Advising and encouraging, with true Christian kindness, a neighbour who is beginning to grow lax in his attendance to his Christian duties, or who is forming habits or alliances which, if unchecked, will bring misery and suffering to his family, and scandal to the neighbourhood, and even the possibility of his own eternal destruction, is also an exercise of real Christian charity.

There are thousands of broken homes today which would not be broken if there was true charity in those homes not only in the heart of the offender but in the hearts of the offended. There are thousands in jails and in hospitals of rehabilitation today who would not be there if their families and neighbours fulfilled their obligation of Christian charity. There are many, far too many, lapsed Catholics in the world today, who would not have lapsed had true charity been practised by their relatives and neighbours. And, last but not least, there are millions of people who have remained outside the Church of Christ because the hallmark of charity which Christ said was its distinguishing mark was tarnished or invisible. Each one of us could, with great profit, spend a few moments today looking into ourselves and comparing our thoughts and our words and our actions with the thoughts, words and actions of love which Christ expects from his followers.

It is never too late to mend. Begin today to take a true Christian interest in the spiritual fate of your family and neighbours. Where words have already failed perhaps, try prayer and example. The grace of God will cooperate with your sincere, charitable effort.

Today's Reading: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 144; Apocalypse 21:1-5; John 13:31-35
Responsorial Psalm: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.
Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 66; Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

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 Christian Aid this week.

This 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.

URGENT. Volunteer needed to maintain grass arears around church hall and house every couple of weeks. Electric mower available. Please contact Fr Emmanuel if you can help.

QR CODE now available for car registration validation (as an alternative to the tablet). Please use the QR code if the tablet is not working.

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

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 RESPOSIBILITY 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).

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 14th May	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£0	£0
Total	£2,340	£6,096

Last week’s offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose collection	£183.92
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£215.00
Online giving via website	£0.00
Total	£408.92
Votive candles	£72.09

Monthly standing orders : **£1231**

Second collection (Clergy Training Fund): £225.24

Date	Day	Time	Intention
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
Monday 19th May	Easter Feria	9:00am	Aleykutty Louis RIP
Tuesday 20th May	Easter Feria	9.00am	All Souls
Wed 21st May	Easter Feria	9.00am	Repose of Soul of Enerah Francisa Bokoko
		1.00pm	JR Chapel
Thursday 22nd May	Easter Feria	9.00am	Renato Atoniazzi RIP
Friday 23rd May	Easter Feria	9.00am	Maria Luisa e Benevides de Carvalho RIP
Saturday 24th May	Easter Feria	9.00am	Carmel McNamara RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 25th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	8.30am	Mary Atterbury RIP
		10.00am	Nera O’Gorman 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.