

Please pray for those who have recently died: Michael Mobay and Fr John Baggley

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in June: Elise Skaping, Roddy McNally, Julia Taylor, Maria Dos Santos Madeira, Veronica Hanlon, Bill Mansell

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 June. 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: 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	Noah Odili
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Ewa Posner, John Barker	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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01st June 2025
Seventh Sunday of Easter Year C





The death of a member of his family or of a loved friend, must be the saddest event imaginable in the life of an atheist. He is one who really is convinced that there is no God, no future life and therefore that the relative or friend is to turn into dust in the grave, never to be met with again. The thought that every day that passes is bringing him too nearer to that same sad fate, death, which will be the end of all his ambitions, all his enjoyments, the end of everything he thought he was or had, must be something hard to live with.

Thank God, we have the good fortune to know, and reason and faith convince us of this truth, that death is not the end of man. It is rather the real beginning. Today's feast—the Ascension of our Lord in his human nature—to his Father's and our Father's home, is the confirmation and the guarantee of this doctrine of our faith. We shall all rise from the grave with new, glorified bodies and ascend to heaven, as Christ did. There we'll begin our true life of eternal happiness.

While it is true that even for good Christians the death of a beloved one is a cause of sorrow and tears, this is natural as we still are of the earth earthly. Yet the certitude that our beloved one has gone to his true life and will be there to meet us when our turn comes, is always at the back of our minds to console and comfort us. What all human beings want is to live on forever with our dear ones. Death breaks that continuity but only for a little while. That break is necessary for the new life to begin.

It was written, and foretold, that Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory. The servant is not above the Master. I too must suffer. I too must accept the hardships and the trials of this life, if I want, and I do, to enter into the life of glory. Christ, who was sinless, suffered hardship and pain. I have earned many, if not all of my hardships, by my own sins. I should be glad of the opportunity to make some atonement for my past offenses, by willingly accepting the crosses he sends me. These crosses are signs of God's interest in my true welfare. Through him he is giving me a chance to prepare myself for the day of reckoning, for the moment of my death which will decide my eternal future. For every prayer I say for success in life, I should say three for a successful death, a death free from sin and at peace with God.

Today's Reading: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 96; Apocalypse 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 103; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23
or Acts 2:1-11; Ps 103; Romans 8:8-17; John 14:15-16, 23-26

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 Catholic Communications this weekend.

Altar Servers Day, 21st of June at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church, Brook Lane, Thame - OX9 2AB. We will be gathering from 9:30 – 15:00 and be a day of fun, prayer, and serving. If you want more details, please talk to Father or get in touch with Paddie (KYT) – patrick.denton@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is seeking one volunteer from this parish please to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on 12/13 July this year) in this parish. This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses that weekend. If you can kindly do this, please contact roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org or call 07887 893 763.

Garden Party, 14th June, 3pm - 5pm. Newman's College, Littlemore. Come with your friends and family and enjoy a lovely afternoon in the beautiful College garden which includes live music by a string quartet, home-made cakes, stalls and more. See noticeboard for more information.

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.

Thank you: We welcome Ray, who has kindly volunteered to maintain the lawn by the presbytery and within the estate.

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

As of 28th May	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£0	£0
Total	£2,340	£6,096

Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose collection	£235.47
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£75.00
Online giving via website	£30.00
Total	£350.47
Votive candles	£78.64

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 31st May	Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00am	Steve Binu Special Intentions
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Donors' Intentions
Sunday 01st June	Seventh Sunday of Easter	8.30am	Mick Coyne RIP
		10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 02nd June	Easter Feria	9:00am	Margaret Catterson RIP
Tuesday 03rd June	Memorial of Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs	9.00am	James Heeney RIP
Wed 04th June	Easter Feria	9.00am	Donors Intentions
		1.00pm	JR Chapel
Thursday 05th June	Memorial of St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr	9.00am	Donors Intentions
Friday 06th June	Easter Feria	9.00am	Donors Intentions
Saturday 07th June	Easter Feria	9.00am	Donors Intentions
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Michael Mobay (Month's Mind mass)
Sunday 08th June	Solemnity of Pentecost	8.30am	Aleykutty Louis 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.