

Please pray for those who have recently died: 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](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 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/](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](#)

**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:** Elizabeth Johnson, Frank Kennedy, Margaret Wipp, Maureen O'Sullivan, Lorraine McNally, Peter Donnelly, Nuala Lula McNally.

Dates for your diary...

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Agnes Valencak	Jane Kennett
Sunday Readers: 8:30 am	Rajesh Paul	Georges Yindom
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Ewa Posner, John Barker	Caroline Griffiths, Monica Agyapong
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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**22nd June 2025**

**Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year C**



In the gospel of Luke, Jesus miraculously feeds over five thousand people. It should not surprise us that Jesus, who miraculously fed over five thousand people out of sheer generosity, to prevent them feeling any pangs of hunger on their return journey home, could and would find a miraculous way to feed his faithful followers on their way to heaven. Many, if not most, of that five thousand had little or no interest in his, but were ready to take all the earthly benefits he would give them. Yet he wanted to prevent them from suffering any undue hardship.

We, his followers, have learned and appreciated his teaching and the supernatural future life which he has earned for us and promised us. We are trying to live Christian lives according to the rules he gave us. We are struggling along towards heaven, each in his own way, fervent at times, careless or cold often, perhaps, but still most anxious not to miss the glorious future he has prepared for us. With this proof of his kindness and generosity in helping this more or less indifferent multitude in the matter of earthly food, it is much easier for us to see him provide generously for the spiritual nourishment of his followers on their journey to their true and lasting home.

That he did so we have the certainty of the centuries-long tradition of generations of Christians, based on his own words recorded in the inspired writings. Christ has arranged to remain with us under the form of food for our spiritual sustenance in the sacred sacrifice of the Mass, in which we can partake of his sacred body and blood, soul and divinity. This is, we can receive the Incarnate Son of God in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

How could he do that is only a small mystery for our finite minds. He was God as well as man. But why he should do this for us unworthy creatures is the greater mystery by far. Infinite love, greater mystery by far. Infinite love, which we finite beings cannot even begin to understand, is the answer and the explanation. Instead, then, of wasting any time on trying to solve this mystery, which we know to be a fact, let us try to thank him for it and use this gift of his love as often as possible. This will be the greatest proof that we appreciate this divine gift.

We Christians are more often spiritually sick and dead than healthy. However, we have our doctor and he cares for us. It is only by following his advice, and by using the spiritual medical nourishment he prescribes for us, that we can overcome our illnesses and weaknesses and keep on the straight and narrow road to heaven.

**Today's Reading:** Genesis 14:18-20; Ps 109; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17

**Responsorial Psalm:** You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

**Next Sunday:** Acts 12:1-11; Ps 33; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19

**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 Peter’s Pence next weekend.

**Confirmation:** next Sunday, Chinemelum (JJ), Jessica, Ania, Sophia, Amelia, Kayla, Kaia, Arria, Lolytha (Loly), Charlie, Auxiliadora (Dora) and Mike will be receiving confirmation at the 10am mass. Please remember them in your prayers this week.

**Love Marston, Love Life:** Sunday 22 June, 3pm at Mortimer Hall Park, Old Marston. Please support this CTMN event, with music, choirs, story telling, open air theatre, and more.

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

As of 18th June	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£0	£0
Total	£2,390	£6,096

Last week’s offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose collection	£217.08
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£155.00
Online giving via website	£0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£382.08</b>
Votive candles	£132.77

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Second collection (Pro Life): £81.54

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 21st June	Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga,	9.00am	Pat Taylor RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Richard Cronnelly RIP
Sunday 22nd June	Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	8.30am	Josie McGurran RIP
		10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 23rd June	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Paddy Joe Quinn RIP
Tuesday 24th June	Solemnity of the Nativity of St John	9.00am	Veronica Hartigan
Wed 25th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Maureen Kane
		1.00pm	JR Chapel
Thursday 26th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	All Souls
Friday 27th June	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	9.00am	John Spellman
Saturday 28th June	Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	9.00am	Annamma Chacko RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	John Ouang Intentions
Sunday 29th June	Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Blessings for the Lee and Gordon family

**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.