

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 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	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. The Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.


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08th June 2025
Solemnity of Pentecost Year C



Today at Mass, particularly at holy Communion, the power of the Holy Spirit will come down upon us; fiery tongues will not be seen, but invisible tongues of fire will not be absent. There was still another external manifestation of the Holy Spirit; the apostles and disciples were enabled to speak various languages.

After the roar of the wind many of Jerusalem's pilgrims hurried to the Cenacle. Pentecost was one of the three festivals which obliged all Jews to be present in Jerusalem. Jews from distant lands, and Jewish converts from paganism too, attended these feasts. As a result, a colourful crowd speaking a variety of languages surrounded the house. Now the apostles, who so shortly before had hid in fear behind locked doors, came forth and courageously walked among the multitude speaking to each in his native tongue. It was indeed amazing! Galileans, and multilingual?

But the malicious too were present; they had the answer. Nothing marvellous at all! Those Galileans were simply drunk, and their drunken babble sounded like a foreign language! Peter showed no hesitation in answering the charge. None of their number, he said, were intoxicated; it was but nine o'clock in the morning, and at that hour men usually are sober. What the multitude saw was, in fact, the fulfilment of Joel's prophecy: In those days (of the Messiah), God will pour forth His Spirit upon men and they will prophesy.... Then the apostle pointed his words more directly against the accusers: they had killed Jesus, had nailed Him to the Cross; but God had awakened Him and after His departure to heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit.

The pilgrims who had heard Peter give this first Pentecostal sermon "were pierced to the heart and said: Brethren, what shall we do? But Peter said to them: Repent and be baptised; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Three thousand responded.

Why the miracle of tongues? Recall the story regarding the tower of Babel. Puffed up by pride, men attempted to build a tower that would touch the heavens. To punish their sin, God confused their speech. Sin causes confusion and division. Now Christ came to gather all men into His Church and thereby to unite them to Himself. This should result in creating but one family of nations again.

Yes, even we as individuals have a gift of tongues which all men can understand. It is the gift of love infused into us by the Holy Spirit. Love unites, love is a common language, by means of love we can speak to all nations.

Today's Reading: 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

Responsorial Psalm: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Next Sunday: Proverbs 8:22-31; Ps 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

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 Day for Life next weekend.

Urgent: Your Voice Matters on the Assisted Suicide Bill Your MP's vote on the Leadbeater Assisted Suicide Bill is imminent and critical. This Bill, if passed, cannot be undone. Your MP needs to hear from you. Many are **wavering**, and your opinion can truly make a difference in defeating this Bill. Please do not leave it to others. Take just one minute to write to your MP today: prolifecommunityoxford.org.uk/bill

Bring and Share - Feast Day Celebration Sunday 15th June. In celebration of the Feast Day of St Anthony of Padua, Father Emmanuel and Father Tony are inviting all parishioners to come together after 10am mass for an opportunity to share food and friendship in the church hall.

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.

Oxford Oratory - Their annual Corpus Christi procession through the streets of Oxford will take place on Sunday 22 June. The procession will leave Oxford Oratory at 2:30pm, going first to Blackfriars for a sermon and ending with Benediction at the University Chaplaincy.

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.

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 04th June	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£50	£0
Total	£2,390	£6,096

Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose collection	£191.53
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£290.00
Online giving via website	£282.00
Total	£773.53
Votive candles	£152.74

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Second collection (Catholic Communications): £130.85

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 07th June	Easter Feria	9.00am	Chris Chukwu - birthday blessing, long life, health & prosperity and other private 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
Monday 09th June	Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church	9:00am	Donors Intentions
Tuesday 10th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Donors Intentions
Wed 11th June	Memorial of St Barnabas, Apostle	9.00am	Donors Intentions
		1.00pm	JR Chapel
Thursday 12th June	Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	9.00am	Varghese Chacko RIP
Friday 13th June	Memorial of St Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor of the Church	9.00am	Raimundo Ximenes RIP
Saturday 14th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Donors Intentions
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 15th June	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	8.30am	Donors Intentions
		10.00am	Juliao Ximenes 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.