

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 July.** 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	Jane Kennett	Paul Moore
Sunday Readers: 8:30 am	Georges Yindom	Noah Odili
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Caroline Griffiths, Monica Agyapong	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](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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**29th June 2025**

**Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul Year C**



Challenges come to us in myriads of ways and often leave us incapacitated, with little possibility of success. Instinctively, under such circumstances, we seek the help of family members, relatives, friends, the community, or anyone we believe has the capacity and means to offer the support and the presence we need.

In the face of some challenges, we seek divine support through prayer, knowing God to be a sure source of strength and hope. Trusting in God comes from a deep feeling of confidence that the challenges of life cannot defeat or broken you, but rather that you will emerge from them victorious. The lives of Peter and Paul revealed that trusting in

God, especially in times of adversity, brings victory and glory, even if not on the world's terms.

Peter was deeply dedicated to fishing as an occupation. After toiling all night without success, he still obeys Jesus' command to lower his net into the deep, revealing by his humility and openness to the new possibilities. Peter's exemplary dedication is in full display in the reading from John, when he responds to Jesus' query "do you love me more than these things?" with fidelity. In the context of Jesus' questions, "these things" includes Peter's occupation as a fisherman.

Peter delivered an eloquent Pentecost sermon on the fulfilment of God's plan in the world through Jesus Christ, defending his belief in Jesus Christ's role in God's plan before the religious and political leaders. For this reason, he became the target of persecution and imprisonment, as we read in Acts today. The stories of Peter's persecution and imprisonment, however, reveal the presence and providential care of God in the lives of God's children.

Similarly, Paul's experience on the road to Damascus changed his life, filling him with conviction about God's presence in the world through Jesus. Thereafter, he dedicated his life to preaching about the reconciling presence of God in the world through the death of Christ. He traversed the Roman empire drawing men and women, rich and poor, slave and free, Jew and Greek into the experience of God's gratuitous gift of divine grace through Christ.

He recounts his experiences of persecution, imprisonment, and threats from both Greeks and Jews, speaking of his life as a sacrifice, in an apparent comparison with the sacrificial life of Christ. But unlike Christ, he speaks about competing well in the race to the finished lane, which buttresses his understanding of salvation as a reward. He also identifies his reward as a crown of glory because he has been justly judged by the Lord.

The lives of Peter and Paul reveal the truth that the reward of a crown is greater than the trials of the cross, because God is by our side. Hence the saying: if God is for us, nothing can be against us. These stories remind us that the children of God are victors, they are conquerors; they triumph over uncertainties because God's grace reigns in their lives.

**Today's Reading:** Acts 12:1-11; Ps 33; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19

**Responsorial Psalm:** The angel of the Lord rescues those who revere him.

**Next Sunday:** Isaiah 66:10-14; Ps 65; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

**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 this weekend.

**Thank you + hope** Last week was a dark week. Firstly, MPs voted to decriminalise abortion via a shock last minute amendment to the Crime and Policing Bill, with a huge majority. This will allow abortion up to birth for whatever reason. Days later, the Assisted Suicide Bill passed its Third Reading. Thank you for signing the petition - Anneliese Dodds voted against and the vote was exceptionally close. There is hope that the Lords may throw it out before it becomes law. For both these Bills, for the vulnerable, for men, women and children, please pray. We will be starting a **monthly prolife prayer at St Anthony’s**, probably 15mins before or after 10am Mass Talk to Ed or Jo Smith if you are interested. Six people already want to join in. [ox.prolife@gmail.com](mailto:ox.prolife@gmail.com).

**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 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).

**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 27th June	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£0	£0
Total	£2,390	£6,096

**Last week’s offertory collection**

Offertory	Total
Loose collection	£344.44
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£105.00
Online giving via website	£0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£459.44</b>
Votive candles	£83.16

**Monthly standing orders : £1231**

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 28th June	Memorial of the Immaculate Heart	9.00am	Annamma Chacko RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	John Quang 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
Monday 30th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Paul The Intentions
Tuesday 01st July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Veronica Hartigan
Wed 02nd July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	John Spellman
		1.00pm	JR Chapel
Thursday 03rd July	Feast of St Thomas, Apostle	9.00am	Cleaver family intentions
Friday 04th July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	For All Souls
Saturday 05th July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Brendan Hession RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Joan Manuell RIP (6th July)
Sunday 06th July	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Sadie Markey 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.