

Please pray for those who have recently died: Breege Munnelly

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in July: Donald Holifield, Billy Mundesley, Eileen McNally, Billy Munnelly, Bob and Peggy Clarke, Teo Reynoso, Prisca Magno Rodrigues, Anthony Baquiram, Ann Slaughter, Miguel Balatbat, Teodoro Ciocson, Joan Manuell

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 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/.

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, Nuala Lula McNally.

Dates for your diary...

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Nevin Vuddamalay	Catherine Joseph
Sunday Readers: 8:30 am	Hilary Lappage	Rajesh Paul
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Tony Coates, May Macpherson	Ewa Posner, John Barker
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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13th July 2025

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C



The first reading tells us of the final discourse of Moses, just prior to the selection of Joshua to lead the people into the promised land. It is the conclusion of the covenant making ceremony.

In the second reading from the letter of St Paul, in which he uses the occasion to instruct the Colossians and to restate for them the truth about the absolute supremacy of Jesus Christ, as beginning and end of all creation. He was imprisoned in Rome when he wrote this letter but had learned about dangerous doctrines which had recently made their way into the church, threatening both faith and morals. False teachers were introducing a series of outdated Mosaic practices and an exaggerated emphasis on the role of angels

as intermediaries between God and men, which threatened to undermine the true doctrine of Christ as the only mediator.

In the gospel, Jesus directed the young man to the scriptures. By doing this, Jesus tries to let him understand that we can find God in his Word, which is close to him. Therefore, to love God is to love his word. He further buttressed this by telling the story of the Good Samaritan. The word of God is personified in the Good Samaritan in today's gospel. The word of God is Jesus himself, who speaks to us, and Jesus who is ever close to us like the Good Samaritan.

Today's gospel also presents to us another way through which God is close to us. That is, in our neighbour. As a humble master, he is always available to us in simple ways and things. He is close to us in the scriptures, the poor, the just, the pious, the marginalised, the sick, and the weak. The good Samaritan saw God in the victim and was moved to help him. So, like the Good Samaritan, if we search for God in these, we will find Him.

Also, the Good Samaritan represents those who seek Christ in the weak, wounded, and needy. He represents those who are mindful of their neighbours and the wounded. Also, he represents Christ, who is always quick to come to our help when we are weak, despised, and abandoned. He is ever ready to help us recover from our injuries. He is so close to taking care of and healing us.

This parable leaves no doubt about who our neighbour is — anyone (without distinction of race or relationship) who needs our help; nor about how we should love him — by taking pity on him, being compassionate towards his spiritual or corporal needs; and it is not just a matter of having the right feelings towards him: we must do something, we must generously serve him.

Today's Reading: Deut 30:10-14; Ps 68 or Ps 18; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

Responsorial Psalm: Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive. or

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

Next Sunday: Genesis 18:1-10; Ps14; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

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 this weekend for the Apostleship of the Sea.

Flower arrangers: We urgently need more people to join our flower arranging team. Please consider doing so and speak to Fr E if you think you could help. It would involve a commitment of an hour or so every 4 weeks.

Call & Gifted, commencing Saturday 13th September at Corpus Christi Church, Headington. It's a process which helps you discern more clearly the particular spiritual gifts (known as charisms) the Holy Spirit has given you. Called & Gifted is very well established and was developed by the Catherine of Siena Institute (CSI) back in 1993. [Quick video overview from CSI \(1m 30s\): https://vimeo.com/322254299](https://vimeo.com/322254299) Please see the noticeboard or on our website for more information, or contact John Kirwan at johnkirwan1a@gmail.com or mobile 07985098544.

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

As of 09th July	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£0	£0
Total	£2,440	£6,096

Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose collection	£238.13
Gift Aid Envelopes	£20.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£287.00
Online giving via website	£0.00
Total	£545.13
Votive candles	£72.05

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 12th July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Varghese Chacko RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Billy Munnelly RIP (8th Anniversary) & Breege Munnelly RIP
Sunday 13th July	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Richard Cronnelly RIP
		10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 14th July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Vera Flanagan RIP
Tuesday 15th July	Memorial of St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the church	9.00am	Helen Blanco (Anniversary RIP)
Wed 16th July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Louis Varkey RIP
		1.00pm	JR Chapel
Thursday 17th July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Mark Fenlon
Friday 18th July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	SI - Thanksgiving
Saturday 19th July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Richard Cronnelly RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Month's Mind mass - Doreen Busby RIP
Sunday 20th July	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Birthday Thanksgiving Raphael Onohayedo

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.