

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: stanthonypop.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 stanthonypop.oxford.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 stanthonypop.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	Catherine Joseph	Agnes Valencak
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)	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.stanthonypop.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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20th July 2025

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C



Today's Gospel recounts the familiar story of Martha and Mary. St Augustine comments on this scene as follows: "Martha, who was arranging and preparing the Lord's meal, was busy doing many things, whereas Mary preferred to find her meal in what the Lord was saying. In a way she deserted her sister, who was very busy, and sat herself down at Jesus' feet and just listened to his words. She was faithfully obeying what the Psalm said: 'Be still, and know that I am God' (Ps 46:10). Martha was getting annoyed, Mary was feasting; the former coping with many things, the latter concentrating on one. Both occupations were good" (*Sermon 103*).

It's a beautiful passage about Mary and Martha and their hospitality, but it's also a very misunderstood passage. It can be quite confusing. It may be helpful to keep in mind that Jesus is very good friends with both Mary and Martha.

Luke is not rebuking Martha, but he is gently teaching her that although he deeply appreciates and values her hospitality and welcome, and the meal she's rushing to prepare, in the end these important actions are only a foretaste and a symbol of the true hospitality and welcome that comes from sitting at the feet of our Lord and listening attentively to him, learning from him, becoming a disciple of Christ, and being utterly open and responsive to God's word and God's teaching. This is true hospitality, and this is what Mary is doing, and it's not to be taken from her. Unlike other interpretations of this gospel, Jesus is not preferring action to contemplation.

He's not rejecting Martha's ways and accepting only Mary's ways. Jesus is not contrasting a strictly contemplative life with an active life. Both are necessary. We venerate Martha as a saint as well as Mary. The one thing necessary is to listen to Jesus and to ponder his words deeply so that our actions reflect his teachings and values. Without his values and his spirit and his good news, our activity could be misguided or even harmful or misplaced.

We need, and our homes need, and our world needs, the saving message, values, and spirit of Jesus that directs our priorities. We need, first and foremost, to listen and be open to his message so that we can then put values into action with clarity. Both contemplation and action are needed in the life of all Christians.

Both need to be firmly based on an openness and responsiveness to Jesus' teachings and values so that we might take up his values and priorities and accordingly act on them. As we've already said, action without contemplation could be fruitless and quite misguided, a waste of effort, and contemplation without action could be just self-indulgence. Both are needed in their own order, with first priority given to sitting at Christ's feet and listening to him, being open to him, and learning from him.

Today's Reading: Genesis 18:1-10; Ps14; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

Responsorial Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Next Sunday: Genesis 18:20-32; Ps 37; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13

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:

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>. Please see the noticeboard or on our web-site 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 IMMEDIATLEY (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 16th July	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£0	£0
Total	£2,440	£6,096

Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose collection	£215.69
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£95.00
Online giving via website	£0.00
Total	£320.69
Votive candles	£155.53

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Second collection (Apostleship of the Sea): £131.60

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 19th July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Jose Montano 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 Onob-hayedo
Monday 21st July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	All Souls
Tuesday 22nd July	Memorial of St Bonaventure, Bish-op, Doctor of the church	9.00am	Peter Fanagan RIP
Wed 23rd July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Maria Luisa e Benevides Carvalho RIP
		1.00pm	JR Chapel
Thursday 24th July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Bridget Kelly RIP
Friday 25th July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Get well mass - Ann Szewczyk
Saturday 26th July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Sheila RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Larry King RIP
Sunday 27th July	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Ita Chatfield 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.