

Please pray for those who have recently died: Peter Bean, Kathy Stevens

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in September: Kathleen Marshall, John Szewczyk, Heriberto Carreon, Patrick Denning, Moira Redfern, Ann Ashfield, John Billington, Joselito Villena, Sebastian Rhys Ciocson, Chris Byrne, Sheila King, Kathy Stevens

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 September. 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...

Details of pilgrimages to Santiago de Compostela (6th-11th October) and San Giovanni Rotondo (28th November - 2nd December), are at the back of church

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Paul Moore	Paulie Kumi
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 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. The Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

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21st September 2025

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C



On this twenty-fifth Sunday of ordinary time, the Church urges us to reflect on our attitude towards money, material things, and especially, our attitude towards the poor and the marginalized. Injustice, greed, and oppression are among the greatest factors that have perpetuated poverty in our society.

In today's first reading, the prophet Amos condemns injustice and oppression against the poor. He wrote about when the rich took all the land and "enslaved" the poor in their farmlands. They exported food to make more money for themselves, while the poor starved and died of hunger.

Today, we face similar situations all over the world. While some cannot afford one meal per day, others waste money on useless projects. Sometimes, the excuse we give is that the poor are lazy or that there would always be poor people in the world. These are weak excuses. The truth is that there is much greed, injustice, and corruption in our world.

Paul implores us to pray for everyone especially, kings, rulers, and government leaders. This prayer is necessary for conversion and wisdom. If our leaders are converted and become wise, they will help to stop corruption, injustice, and oppression in our land and systems. He loves us all equally and wishes that we all prosper and be in health, even as our soul prospers. Once we understand this, selfishness will disappear, and we shall begin to consider the interest and good of others. It is God's will to save all. This includes salvation from starvation, injustice, greed, and corruption that has destroyed our world and left many poor.

In the gospel, Jesus reminds us of the fact that money and material things do not last forever. Hence, he advises us on how to make use of them without losing our salvation. There is a saying that "The best way to invest is to invest in the poor." We should therefore learn to invest in the poor to improve their conditions. Amassing wealth for ourselves without using them to help those in need only amounts to greed and selfishness.

Money and wealth have value only when used wisely to help those around us. Only fools hold tenaciously to money and wealth above God and to the detriment of the poor. Also, only the ungodly use their wealth to oppress the poor and the weak.

The wise use his wealth to help those in need and store wealth for himself in heaven. Therefore, it is important to know that we are only its managers when God blesses us with wealth. God gives us wealth to help and improve the lives of those in need. It is not meant only for our families and us. So, we must be charitable with it.

Today's Reading: Amos 8:4-7; Ps 112; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Next Sunday: Amos 6:1, 4-7; Ps 145; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

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 collections:

- There will be a second collection for Catholic Evangelisation this weekend.
- There will be a second collection for Father Hudson’s Society next weekend.

Lay Mission Institute pilot programme: a 3-year programme to learn about your faith and grow in discipleship. Offers flexible weekly online study, bi-annual events, and more. See noticeboard for more details or contact lay.mission@english.op.org

St Michael and All Angels (Marston Rd) are holding a fete next Saturday (27th September) to raise funds to repair the cemetery wall. From 1pm - 4pm . All are welcome to attend.

NO MASS ON MONDAYS until early-October. Please if you have mass intentions on Mondays, could you contact the parish office for alternative dates. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Monthly Prayers for the Sanctity of Life. First Sunday of each month | 9.45am before the 10am Mass | Join us at any time in the pews to the left (North) of the altar for a short time of prayer. Ask Ed or Jo Smith for details joandedwedding@gmail.com.

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).

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.

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 17th Sep	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£0	£0
Total	£2,440	£6,096

Last week’s offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose collection	£307.40
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£79.00
Online giving via website	£40.00
Total	£436.40
Votive candles	£80.60

Monthly standing orders : **£1231**

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 20th September	Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-Sang, and Companions, Martyrs	9.00am	For Father Thomas Vayahil who passed away on 26th Aug
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Alwyn Thomas 13th Birthday thanksgiving mass
Sunday 21st September	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	James Cuddy RIP
		10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 22nd September	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	NO MASS
Tuesday 23rd September	Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina	9.00am	Antos Thomas Birthday mass
Wed 24th September	Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham	9.00am	Repose of soul of Sebastian Rhys Ciocson (15th Anniversary RIP)
		1.00pm	JR Chapel
Thursday 25th September	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Ilda da Costa & Mateus da Costa
Friday 26th September	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Sheila King RIP (41st Anniversary)
Saturday 27th September	Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, Priest	9.00am	Good health for Yevette and family
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	17th Wedding Anniversary Teotonio & Liliana
Sunday 28th September	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Kathy Stevens (nee King) 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.