

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 Ciocon, 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 October. 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](https://www.facebook.com/saop.oxford)

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 San Giovanni Rotondo (28th November - 2nd December), at the back of church

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Nevin Vuddamalay	Catherine Joseph
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Hilary Lappage	Rajesh Paul
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Tony Coates, May Macpherson	Ewa Posner, John Barker
Eucharistic ministers (10am)	Mary and 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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05th October 2025

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C



This is the only time on Sundays that we have a reading from Habakkuk. He was a prophet perhaps around the 7th century BC, when the people were troubled by the surrounding more powerful nations. Of the three chapters in the book, we have a few verses from each of the first two. At first the prophet expresses the heartfelt cry of the people, "How long, O Lord" is all this going on; a feeling common among most peoples at some time or other throughout all periods of human history, especially where

there is an idea of a caring deity of some kind. But in the verses from chapter 2 that are added into our reading, we hear that God does have a vision of the future – sometime – and so we must hang on and remain loyal because, as it ends, "the upright man lives by his faith;" and this phrase is taken up in St Paul's way of thinking and in later Christian teaching.

By the time the Second Letter to Timothy was put together from some of Paul's words and ideas, the organisation of the early churches was beginning to develop as the apostles were growing old and diminishing in numbers. New leaders of the Christian communities were put in place by the laying on of hands; later these would come to be called overseers. In the case of Timothy, he is reminded that as such a leader he must stir up his enthusiasm and must not be timid, but should live with the power of God's Spirit and with love and self-control; he should continue the pattern of Paul's ministry, driven by the love of Christ because the church is alive with God's Spirit.

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus teach about faith and service to God. The context is a continuing dialogue between Jesus and his followers about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus has just finished an instruction on sin and forgiveness. There are two related teachings that Jesus offers to his disciples when they cry out for an increase in faith. The first is the familiar reminder that faith, even just a little, will enable the followers of Jesus to do wondrous things. But this uplifting and inspiring teaching is quickly followed by the second teaching, a caution about knowing one's place in God's plans. The disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves as servants to God and his plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise. Our participation in God's plans is God's grace to us—nothing more, nothing less. When we are graced enough to cooperate with God, the work we do is nothing more than our obligation to God as faithful stewards. And yet, our faith enables us to believe that what we have offered in service to God, as his servants, can be made to produce a hundredfold.

Today's Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4; Ps 94; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Next Sunday: 2 Kings 5:14-17; Ps 97; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

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:

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

Rosary during the month of October: Please attend Sunday Mass 20 minutes early (08:10 and 09:40) to join in reciting the Rosary during October.

Second collections: There will be a second collection CAFOD next weekend.

Winter coats etc: The parish is asking for donations of good condition adult winter coats, gloves and scarves to donate to the Porch for the homeless in Oxford. So please have a look at home and see if you have any winter coats you no longer wear and bring them along for the red box.

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

Newman Night Walk from Oxford to Littlemore, Wednesday 8th October. Pilgrim prayers starting at 7.15pm from The Oratory, Oxford. Please see noticeboard for more information.

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 03rd Oct	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£0	£0
Total	£2,440	£6,096

Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose collection	£209.23
Gift Aid Envelopes	£0.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£203.00
Online giving via website	£0.00
Total	£412.23
Votive candles	£87.28

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Second collection (Father Hudson's Society): £139.80

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 04th October	Memorial of St Francis of Assisi	9.00am	Hugh O'Brien Intetnions
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	PJ Conlon RIP
Sunday 05th October	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Richard Cronnelly RIP
		10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 06th October	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	NO MASS
Tuesday 07th October	Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary	9.00am	Successful Operation
Wed 08th October	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Sandra Chisnall RIP
		1.00pm	JR Chapel
Thursday 09th October	Feast of Saint John Henry Newman, Priest	9.00am	John Patrick O'Sullivan RIP
Friday 10th October	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Vicky and Antonio Tochez intentions
Saturday 11th October	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	All Souls
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Hugh O'Brien Intentions
Sunday 12th October	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Samantha Igweh 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.