

Please pray for those who have recently died: Kathy Stevens, Martin Moran and Robin Devenish

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in November: Patricia Kirwan, Brendan McNally, Mary Murphy, Margaret Denning, Pat Deeley, Edna Santiago, Victorio Tianio, Josephine Doran

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 November. 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/StanthonyofPadua)

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

Christmas Carols at The Victoria Arms, Wednesday 17th Dec from 7pm, organised by Churches Together in Marston and Northway. Join us for a magical evening of Christmas Carols!

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Agnes Valencak	Jane Kennett
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Hilary Lappage	Rajesh Paul
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Tony Coates, May Macpherson	Ewa Posner, Jane Kennett
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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30th November 2025

1st Sunday in Advent (Ordinary Time Year A)



In today's Gospel, St. Matthew gives us a discourse which our Lord held with his disciples concerning the destruction of the temple of Jerusalem and the *Parousia*, or the second coming of Christ as judge of the world. In the verses we read today Christ is speaking of his second coming, and emphasizes its unexpectedness and suddenness.

In today's lesson it is Christ himself who is asking each one of us so to live our lives that no matter when we are called to judgement we shall not be found wanting. This does not mean that we must always be praying. Nor does it mean that we must take no interest in the affairs of this life. Of the two men working in the field and the two women grinding corn, one of each was found unworthy, not because of the work he or she was doing, but because that work had for them wrongly excluded God and his purpose in life. The two found worthy had room for God and their own eternal welfare in their hearts—their work was part of their loyal service to God and was a means towards their salvation.

Christmas comes but once a year but its meaning, its lesson, must remain in our hearts and minds all the year round. God wants us in heaven forever. He sent his Son on earth to bring us there. Aided by God's grace we resolve today so to live our lives that when death claims us we shall meet Christ, not as condemning judge, but as a loving brother.

SAOP CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING EVENT

After the 10am Mass on Sunday 14th December we will be holding an event to celebrate Christmas and raise some funds for the church. This will consist of a **multicultural buffet** (with food from Africa, India, East Timor and the Philippines); a **raffle for a luxury Xmas hamper** and a visit from **Father Christmas for nursery and primary school aged children**. Drinks will be on sale. Tickets will be available from next weekend: Buffet tickets £10 for adults, £5 for children; Raffle tickets £1 each; Fr Christmas visit £2.50. We need donations for the raffle - please take a post-it and return your donation to the parish office ASAP. Thank you. Let's make it a great day!

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.

Today's Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5; Ps 121; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

Responsorial Psalm: I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

Next Sunday: Isaiah 11:1-10; Ps 71; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

NOTICES:

Second collection: There will be a second collection for Catholic Youth Services this weekend.

There will be a second collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese next weekend.

NO MASS ON MONDAYS until mid-December. We apologise for any inconvenience.

The Porch: We will start our Advent collection for the homeless next weekend. Please bring donations of gloves, scarves, toiletries, chocolates and biscuits etc to put in the red box for delivery to The Porch before Xmas.

Food bank: The Community Food Bank thanks all those who donate non-perishable food for those who are struggling with the cost of living. They have made a special request for small bags of sugar, pasta sauces and tins of soup. Please help if you can.

Walk with Me booklets for Advent now available price £1.50. Please put money in CTS box at back of church.

CAFOD Christmas gift brochures available at back of church. Great presents at all prices!

Recitation of the Rosary: Due to overwhelming response, the recitation of the Rosary will continue before week-end masses: Sunday Mass 20 minutes early (08:10 and 09:40) , and Vigil Mass at 6pm.

Children’s Liturgy and First Holy Communion preparation are both now taking place during Sunday Mass. Please contact Eva on 07968270320. The form for First Holy Communion registration is on the website and copies will be available at the back of church. Please fill in a form and return to the parish office with a copy of your child’s baptismal certificate ASAP.

Confirmation: This year’s application form is available at the back of church. If your child is Yr 6 or above and wants to receive this sacrament, please complete the form and return to the parish office with a copy of their baptismal certificate, by the 21st December.

Church heating. We apologise for the fact that the church heating is still not working now that the temperature has dropped. We are hopeful that the necessary work will be completed in the next few weeks. In the meantime morning masses will be conducted in the hall (unfortunately these will not be streamed).

Banns for ordination: Jonathan Henry is due to be ordained to the Sacred Diaconate on 20th December. If anyone knows of any reason why he should not be ordained please contact Father Tony at the earliest opportunity.

Diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving for the Jubilee Year: At 12.15pm on Monday 8th December at St Chad’s Cathedral, His Grace Archbishop Bernard Longley will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Jubilee Year. He would like to invite representatives from around the Archdiocese of Birmingham to join him. For more information, visit <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/invitation-diocesan-mass-of-thanksgiving-for-the-jubilee-year-at-st-chads-cathedral>

Survey: The Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England & Wales and Birmingham Newman University are conducting research into Neurodiversity and our Faith experience. Please contact: Fleur Dorrell – fleur.dorrell@cbcew.org.uk or Dr Magdalena Smusz – m.smusz@staff.newman.ac.uk for more information.

Car park: 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 26th Nov	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£0	£0
Total	£2,440	£6,096

Last week’s offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose collection	£230.09
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£235.00
Online giving via website	£0.00
Total	£475.09
Votive candles	£91.52

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Second collection (Sacred Heart Jesus Mission in India): £130.50

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 29th November	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Margaret Bond RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Margaret Denning RIP
Sunday 30th November	First Sunday of Advent	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Tommy Healy RIP
Monday 01st December	Feast of St Edmund Campion, Priest, Martyr	9:00am	NO MASS
Tuesday 02nd December	Advent Feria	9.00am	Martin Moran RIP
Wed 03rd December	Memorial of St Francis Xavier, Priest	9.00am	Lilly McLoughlin RIP
		1.00pm	JR Chapel
Thursday 04th December	Advent Feria	9.00am	Kevin Reeney RIP
Friday 05th December	Feast of St Birinus, Bishop	9.00am	For All Souls
Saturday 06th December	Advent Feria	9.00am	Tom Healy RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Joan Manuell (RIP) and David Manuell Wedding Anniversary
Sunday 07th December	Second Sunday of Advent	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Tom Shaw 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.