

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

...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/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

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	Catherine Joseph	Nevin Vuddamalay
<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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16th November 2025

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C



Our Lord, who is God made flesh, was born into this world to usher in the Kingdom of God. He did and said many things in the furtherance of this Kingdom. But each and every action he did was an expression and a consequence of his nature as God and as a concrete exposition of the values of God in action. Our Lord today warns his disciples, yes, the ornaments and workmanship of God's Temple in Jerusalem is superb. But this beauty is merely a shadow of the inner significance of God who lives with his people. Its God within us which matters. And in any case, this outer fabric of the Temple will be torn down and destroyed, but the inner reality of God's abiding presence with his people never

ends, no matter what happens.

When the temple did indeed lie in ruins, as predicted by Christ, after the Roman armies destroyed it, the people felt utterly lost, as if their soul had been torn out from inside them. It must have seemed like the end of the world had come. Two thousand years later, after the temple was destroyed, people still weep at the small part of the temple wall that has been rebuilt, endlessly mourning its loss.

The gospel today shines its insightful light upon the massive efforts we put into building up a vision, only for it to somehow be torn down by circumstances, whether it's by natural disaster or accident, or even by the negligence or even malice of others. It's timely to think of the things like this, as our Lord warns us to put our efforts into building up that which lasts forever, that which can never be touched or torn down.

But in the midst of this, he still offers hope. Don't be fooled, the end has not come. Even if it feels like it, the end has not arrived.

He rightly predicted that there would be wars and natural disasters, and many of them, many which would shake the foundations of society and frighten people. But amid all of these things, he calls us to remain resolute and keep focusing on the gospel. In all of this, he says, don't be shaken. Do not be thrown by the tumult around you. Keep on working diligently without hesitation. Keep witnessing to the truth of my message. I will be with you. I will be faithful to you.

Jesus implores us to put our energies and priorities into his kingdom and its values that can never be torn down. The reason that the early Christians endured such persecution, such horrors, and kept faithful, was that they knew Jesus. They had met him. We need to daily deepen our knowledge and love of the person and message of Jesus. To deeply allow our Lord to immerse us in his heart and mind. So that we might catch on fire with his person, his message, and values.

Today's Reading: Malachi 3:19-20; Ps 97; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

Next Sunday: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Ps 121; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

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:

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.

Second collection: There will be a second collection for the Sacred Heart of Jesus Mission in India next weekend.

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

Memorial Book for the names of deceased friends and relatives will be on the altar for the whole of November for you to use. Those in the book will be prayed for during November.

Recitation of the Rosary: Due to overwhelming response, the recitation of the Rosary will continue before weekend 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 due to start again in early November. Please think about what you can do to help and contact Eva on 07968270320.. The form for First Holy Communion registration will be updated on the website once the starting dates have been decided.

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.

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 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).

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 12th Nov	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£0	£0
Total	£2,440	£6,096

Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose collection	£209.45
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£173.00
Online giving via website	£10.00
Total	£402.45
Votive candles	£89.52

Monthly standing orders : **£1231**

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 15th November	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Aleykuty Louis RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Tommy Healy RIP
Sunday 16th November	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Tom Shaw RIP
Monday 17th November	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	NO MASS
Tuesday 18th November	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	All souls
Wed 19th November	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	All souls
		1.00pm	JR Chapel
Thursday 20th November	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Thanksgiving mass for Alex Thankachanis
Friday 21st November	Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00am	Varghese Chacko RIP
Saturday 22nd November	Memorial of St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr	9.00am	George Conway RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Brian Rabbitle Intentions
Sunday 23rd November	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Maria Luisa e Benevides de Carvalho RIP (2nd Anniversary)

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.