

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](#)

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	Nevin Vuddamalay	Agnes Valencak
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Noah Odili	Hilary Lappage
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Geoff O'Donoghue, Linda Uzoma	Tony Coates, May Macpherson
Eucharistic ministers (10am)	Ewa, John, Eugene	Mary, Jane

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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23rd November 2025

Feast of Christ the King (Ordinary Time Year C)

For much of this year, we've followed Jesus as he has journeyed toward Jerusalem. We've heard prophecies and parables, met strangers and saints, and absorbed timeless teachings that are engraved in our hearts. We've learned about Samaritans and barn builders, mustard seeds and beggars.

And then this Sunday, confronting the stark reality of the cross, we hear a crucified criminal make one last request: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

We realize with a shock that the criminal may not just speaking for himself. He could be speaking for each of us, as we pray for our place in paradise, asking for mercy and looking with hope toward the king who wears a crown of thorns. But when we hear the words of the man next to Jesus at Calvary, do we realize where we have been and what we have learned? In a powerful and urgent way, the kingdom Jesus commands isn't all that distant. It's one we have been hearing about all year.

Traditionally, we think of this Sunday's feast as the great capstone of the liturgical year, and a triumphant affirmation of Christ's twin role as monarch and saviour. But maybe there's another aspect we need to hold onto.

This Sunday is for remembering where Christ the King has taken us, and it's for looking ahead to where he wants us to go. It's a good time to reflect on all those Sunday readings that have taken Jesus to Jerusalem, and reconsider what he has taught, who he has met, and how those chapters from Luke's Gospel have left a mark on our lives.

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

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

Next Sunday: Isaiah 2:1-5; Ps 121; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

NOTICES:

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

There will be a second collection for Catholic Youth Services next weekend.

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

CAFOD Family Fast day raised **£667.51** (excluding any donations made via the QR code). THANK YOU so much for your generosity. This was a tremendous reflection on our parish!

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 19th Nov	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£0	£0
Total	£2,440	£6,096

Last week’s offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose collection	£215.03
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£215.00
Online giving via website	£0.00
Total	£440.03
Votive candles	£58.45

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Date	Day	Time	Intention
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)
Monday 24th November	Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	9:00am	NO MASS
Tuesday 25th November	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Stephen Walsh RIP
Wed 26th November	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Pat McGlone Intentions
		1.00pm	JR Chapel
Thursday 27th November	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Joan (RIP) and David Manuell Wedding Anniversary
Friday 28th November	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Annamma Chacko RIP
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

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.