

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/StanthonyofPaduaOxford)

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	Paulie Kumi	Catherine Joseph
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Rajesh Paul	Georges Yindom
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Ewa Posner, John Barker	Caroline Griffiths, Monica Agyapong
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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09th November 2025

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Year C



This Basilica was built by Constantine and was consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324. This feast was first observed in Rome, but later, it was extended to the universal Latin Church. There are two important points about today's celebration. First, the physical building, as well as our bodies, is God's dwelling place. Second, both the physical church building and we are evidence and the manifestation of God's presence on earth. So, we must keep them holy and sacred.

In our first reading, the vision of the prophet Ezekiel about the temple of Jerusalem is presented to us most articulately and dramatically. This reminds us of God's ever-abiding presence within his temple.

As a sign of God's presence among his people, the Temple or "Church" is a place from where the river of God's joy flows towards us. That is, to nourish and satisfy us. It is a place of refuge where we find eternal bliss. It is a place where our spiritual hunger and thirst are satisfied, and most importantly, it is a place of healing where we find Jesus, our balm of Gilead (Jer 8:22) that heals our wounded souls.

In the second reading, Paul takes us to the next and very important dimension of the temple of God and that is us: "You are God's building...did you not realize that you are God's temple and the Holy Spirit of God was living among you?" This is straight and direct to the point, and this is what we are.

We are the seat of God's government because our hearts are the innermost sanctuaries of the Holy Spirit. Paul reminds us of God's special presence within us. We are God's living and mobile temple. Therefore, there is a special call today to keep this temple holy, pure, and sacred, because God does not dwell in a flirty temple. If our temple remains sacred, his spirit will continue to dwell therein.

In the gospel, Jesus' action in the temple brings us to the climax and significance of today's celebration. He reminds us of how we ought to treat and reverence God's temple. John summarizes Jesus' action and words thus: "Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will rebuild it...but he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body."

Hence today's celebration reminds us that our bodies as God's temple were purchased through the water of baptism, and consecrated through the sacred oil of Chrism and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, whereas the physical church is also consecrated by both the presence of the Trinitarian God and the presence of "God's priestly, holy and chosen people" (1 Peter 2:9).

Therefore, as we commemorate the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, let us joyfully acclaim with the psalmist: "The water of the river gives joy to God's city, the holy place where the Most High dwells."

Today's Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps45; 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22

Responsorial Psalm: The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place where the Most High dwell.

Next Sunday: Malachi 3:19-20; Ps 97; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

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-November. Please if you have mass intentions on Mondays, could you contact the parish office for alternative dates. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Mass for Deceased members of the clergy: At Corpus Christi at 12.15 on Tuesday 11th November.

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.

Bingo Night, 12th November at the Headington Conversative Club,, Windmill Rd, Headington. Organized by the Handicapped Fellowship. Doors open 7pm for eyes down at 8pm. Raffle tickets may be available this weekend.

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 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.

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 07th Nov	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£0	£0
Total	£2,440	£6,096

Last week’s offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose collection	£397.93
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£190.00
Online giving via website	£30.00
Total	£627.93
Votive candles	£94.59

Monthly standing orders : **£1231**

Second collection (Johnson Association) £163.74

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 08th November	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Margaret Bond RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Pray for the Devine family
Sunday 09th November	Feast of the Dedication of the Lantern Basilica	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Tom Shaw RIP
Monday 10th November	Memorial of St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church	9:00am	NO MASS
Tuesday 11th November	Memorial of St Martins of Tours, Bishop	9.00am	Martin Moran RIP
Wed 12th November	Memorial of St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr	9.00am	Thanksgiving birthday mass for Vincent Dwyane Souza
		1.00pm	JR Chapel
Thursday 13th November	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Healing and good health for Callum Daniel Souza
Friday 14th November	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Louis Varkey RIP
Saturday 15th November	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Aleykutty 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

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.