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		10.00am	Raimundo Ximenes RIP and Maria Fatima RIP
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Tuesday 06th January	The Epiphany of the Lord	9.00am	Mrs Chamberlain RIP
Wed 07th January	Christmas Feria	9.00am	Donors Intentions
		1.00pm	JR Chapel
Thursday 08th January	Christmas Feria	9.00am	Aleykuty Louis RIP
Friday 09th January	Christmas Feria	9.00am	Donors Intentions
Saturday 10th January	Christmas Feria	9.00am	Donors Intentions
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Donors Intentions
Sunday 11th January	The Baptism of the Lord	8.30am	Donors Intentions
		10.00am	People of the Parish

### **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](mailto:sg.stanthonyop.oxford@rcaob.org.uk). The Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.*

	This weekend (27/28th Dec)	Next weekend (3/4th Jan)
Vigil readers	Christmas rota	Christmas rota
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Christmas rota	Christmas rota
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Christmas rota	Christmas rota
Eucharistic ministers (10am)	Christmas rota	Christmas rota

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**28th December 2025**

**Feast of the Holy Family Year A**



The First Reading is from the *Book of Sirach* 3:2-6, 12-14. Although all the emphasis in these verse seems to be on the obligation of children to their parents, there is a profound lesson here for parents, too. "Like father like son" is an old and a true saying very often. If the parents fail to do what is right and just in the sight of God they can hardly complain if their children turn out disobedient to God and to them. The young learn more from example than from precept. Today, on this feast day, I would ask all parents to examine themselves and see how they are fulfilling this grave responsibility—which God has placed on them. Are they preparing their children by word and example, especially by example, to be worthy citizens of heaven where they will be their parents' crown and glory?

The Second Reading is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians* 3:12-21. Ninety per cent of the first readers of St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians were pagans before their conversion. To practice the new Christian virtues was no easy task for people reared in the laxity and license of the paganism of their day. Yet they did practice these virtues and produced many saints and martyrs. Let us being in our own family circle to bring sanity back to our world. Let us have the true peace of Christ in our hearts and in our home, each one carrying out the task God has allotted to him. We shall not convert the world immediately but we shall have made a start. The world is the sum-total of its individual families.

The Gospel is from *Matthew* 2:13-15; 19-23. During this holy season of Christmas, Jesus Mary and Joseph should be remembered frequently by every Christian. To help us to remember them and above all to strive to imitate them, the Church has dedicated this Sunday to the memory of the Holy Family. Although they were God's closest friends, and although they were the holiest family that ever lived, or ever will live, on earth, they had more than their share of this world's troubles and cares. Today's Gospel story tells us of some of these earthly woes and sufferings. They had just settled in Bethlehem, and the Baby Jesus was only a few months old when, to avoid his murder at the hands of the murderous and jealous Herod, they had to flee from Bethlehem and become displaced persons in a foreign and pagan land.

The message of today's Gospel story is a message of encouragement and consolation for every one of us. If the Holy Family suffered such trials and hardships, surely we should be ready and willing to suffer and bear with the trials that God sends us for our own eternal welfare.

**Today's Reading: Eccl 3:2-6, 12.14; Ps127; Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**

**Responsorial Psalm: O Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!**

**Next Sunday: Eccl 24:1-2, 8-12; Ps 147; Eph 1:3-6, 15-18; John 1:1-18**

### **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:

Christmas and New Year Mass Times

Tuesday, 23rd Dec	9.00am 9.30am - 10.30am	Mass Confession
Wed, 24th Dec	9.00am 9.30 - 10.30am 7.00pm 10.30pm 11.00pm	Mass Confession Evening mass for Children & Elderly Christmas Carols Midnight Mass
Thursday, 25th Dec	8.30am 10.00am	Christmas Mass Christmas Mass
Friday, 26th Dec	9.00am	Feast of St Stephen
Sunday, 28th Dec	8.30am 10am	Feast of the Holy Family Feast of the Holy Family
Wed, 31st Dec	9.00am 10.30pm	Morning Mass New Year's Eve Mass
Thursday, 1st Jan	9.00am	New Year's Day Mass

**Christmas Social:** A huge thank you to all parishioners who worked tirelessly to help make the Christmas fundraiser a huge success. Thank you to all who joined in the festivities. We have raised £1,817.20!.

**The Porch:** 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.

**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 24th Dec	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£0	£0
Total	£2,440	£6,096

Father Tony, Father Stephen and the team at St Anthony of Padua would like to wish all parishioners a happy New Year. May the Lord bless you and all those who are dear to you throughout the New Year.

Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose collection	£432.10
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£208.00
Online giving via website	£10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£660.10</b>
Votive candles (Counted next week)	£

Monthly standing orders : **£1231**

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Saturday 27th December	Feast of St John, Apostle, Evangelist	9.00am	All Souls
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Tom Healy RIP
Sunday 28th December	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	8.30am	For the Holy Spirit to guide us in the right direction
		10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 29th December	Feast of St Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr	9:00am	Annamma Chacko RIP
Tuesday 30th December	Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas	9.00am	Michael Ong RIP
Wed 31st December	Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	9.00am	Thanksgiving for the Onobhayedo family
		1.00pm	JR Chapel
		10.30pm	Peter Tuohey RIP
Thursday 01st January	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	9.00am	Nora Kirby RIP
Friday 02nd January	Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church	9.00am	For all Souls
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**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.