

Please pray for those who have recently died: Robin Devenish and Mary Veronica Francis

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in April: Jean Collard, Gerry Buck, Ted Busbey, Edward Murphy, Ann McNally, Leonardo De Guzman, Patricia Wilson, Joseph Igwe Ovia, Jim Robertson, Sr Bernadette, Erlinda Tianio

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 April. There is no need to do so if their names were on the list in 2024/25.

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...

| | This weekend | Next weekend |
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| Vigil readers | Paulie Kumi | Paul Moore |
| <u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am | Georges Yindom | Noah Odili |
| Sunday Readers: 10:00 am | Geoff O'Donoghue, Linda Uzoma | Mercy Christopher, May Macpherson |
| Eucharistic ministers (10am) | Ewa, Eugene, Jane | 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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19th April 2026

Third Sunday of Easter Year A



The Gospel of today's Mass presents us with another appearance of Jesus on the evening of his Resurrection. Two disciples are making their way to the village of Emmaus, having lost all hope because Christ, in whom they had placed the whole meaning of their lives, was dead. Our Lord catches up with them, as if He too were just another traveller on the road, and walks with them without being recognized. They engage in broken conversation, as happens when people talk as they are going along. They speak about their preoccupation: what has happened in Jerusalem on the Friday evening—the death of Jesus of Nazareth. The Crucifixion of Our Lord had been a very severe test for the hopes of all those who considered themselves to be his disciples and who to some extent or another had placed their trust in him.

These men who are returning to their home village after having celebrated the Paschal feast in Jerusalem show by the tone of their conversation their great sadness and how discouraged and disconcerted they are: They speak of Jesus as a reality belonging to the past.

Jesus lives.

These men did know about Christ's promise of rising on the third day. They had heard that morning the message of the women who had seen the empty tomb and the angels. Things had been sufficiently clear for them to have nourished their faith and their hope; but instead, they speak of Christ as belonging to the past, as a lost opportunity. They are a living picture of discouragement. Their minds are in darkness and their hearts are numbed.

Christ Himself—whom they did not at first recognize but whose company and conversation they accept—interprets those events for them in the light of the Scriptures. Patiently He restores in them their faith and their hope.

It is possible that we too may sometimes meet with discouragement and lack of hope because of defects that we cannot manage to root out, or of difficulties in the apostolate or in our work that seem to be insurmountable. On these occasions, provided we allow ourselves to be helped, Jesus will not allow us to be parted from him. Perhaps it will be in spiritual direction, once we open our souls in all sincerity, that we will come to see Our Lord again. And with him there will always come joy and the desire to begin again as soon as possible. But it is essential that we allow ourselves to be helped, and that we are ready to be docile to the advice that we receive.

Today's Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 15; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

Responsorial Psalm: Show us Lord, the path of life.

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 22; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10

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:

Second collection: There will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund next weekend.

Nine Tuesdays Novena to St Anthony of Padua. Starting 14th April, up to and including 9th June, the Tuesday morning mass will be replaced with an evening mass at 6pm, followed by the Novena prayers. There will be no morning Mass on Tuesdays during this period.

Big Lent Walk - Congratulations to all who took part in the Parish Big Lent walk and Cycle event. You totalled 2002km, raising a massive £2002 for CAFOD. Many, many thanks and congratulations from Chris Chukwu and the parish CAFOD team.

Financial report 2025: The financial report for 2025 is now on the website and a summary is available at the back of church, with further details on the noticeboard.

Sponsored walk for Parish Funds: Mary G is arranging a sponsored walk to raise money for parish funds on **Saturday May 9th**. She plans to meet at the church at 10:30am and get a number 14 bus to Osney Mead and then walk to the Isis pub at Iffley Lock. If you are interested please sign the list at the back of church and if you can't take part yourself then PLEASE SPONSOR MARY!

Welcome Father Emmanuel Adindu MSP: It is with great joy that we welcome our new parish priest, Father Emmanuel, to our community. We thank God for guiding him to us, and we look forward to the blessings, leadership, and spiritual care he will bring to our parish family.

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 15th Apr | Gift Aided | Non Gift Aided |
|----------------|------------|----------------|
| Last week | £0 | £0 |
| Total | £2,440 | £6,096 |

Last week's offertory collection

| Offertory | Total |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Loose collection | £396.56 |
| Gift Aid Envelopes | £10.00 |
| Card Reader Machine Collection | £481.00 |
| Online giving via website | £0.00 |
| Total | £877.56 |
| Votive candles | £64.35 |

Monthly standing orders : £1231

| Date | Day | Time | Intention |
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| Saturday 18th April | Easter Feria | 9.00am | Birthday thanksgiving Magdalene Ayomoh, pray for continuous blessing and grace |
| | Vigil Mass | 6.30pm | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 19th April | Third Sunday of Easter | 8.30am | Edward and Mary Murphy RIP |
| | | 10.00am | Birthday Thanksgiving Mary Griffin |
| Monday 20th April | Easter Feria | 9:00am | Louis Varkey RIP |
| Tuesday 21st April | Easter Feria | 6.00pm | Dympna Corey RIP |
| Wed 22nd April | Easter Feria | 9.00am | Vincent Barron RIP |
| | | 1.00pm | JR Chapel |
| Thursday 23rd April | Solemnity of St George, Martyr, Patron of England | 9.00am | James Devitt RIP |
| Friday 24th April | Easter Feria | 9.00am | Linda Dowell RIP |
| Saturday 25th April | Feast of St Mark, Evangelist | 9.00am | All Souls |
| | Vigil Mass | 6.30pm | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 26th April | Fourth Sunday of Easter | 8.30am | Birthday thanksgiving for Ufuoma MJ Omo-Enwefah |
| | | 10.00am | Con Ailin 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.