

**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](mailto: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/](http://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](mailto: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
Vigil readers	Paul Moore	Nevin Vuddamalay
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Noah Odili	Hiliary Lappage
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Mercy Christopher, May Macpherson	Ewa Posner, Caroline Griffiths
Eucharistic ministers (10am)	Mary, Jane	Ewa, Eugene, 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](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.*

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**26th April 2026**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A**



One of the oldest paintings of Christ, in the Roman catacombs, represents Christ as carrying the injured, straying sheep gently on His shoulders back to the sheepfold. We have Christ as our shepherd and we do not resent being called sheep in this context. There is something guileless about a sheep, and at the same time a lot of foolishness! But with Christ as our shepherd and the "good shepherd" who is sincerely interested in the true welfare of His flock we have reason to rejoice.

The leaders of the Jews, the Pharisees and Sadducees, were false shepherds who tried to prevent the people from following Jesus, but they failed. They then killed the shepherd but in vain. He rose from the dead and His flock increased by the thousands and will keep increas-

ing until time ends.

We surely are fortunate to belong to the sheepfold of Christ—His Church. We surely are blessed to have the Son of God as our Shepherd, who came among us in order to lead us to heaven. Do we fully appreciate our privileged position? Do we always live up to our heavenly vocation? We know His voice, we know what He asks of us, but do we always listen to that voice, do we always do what He asks of us?

There are many among us today who foolishly think they need no shepherd. They think they know all the facts of life while they are in total ignorance of the most basic fact of all, namely, the very purpose of life. Not that the thought of it does not arise disturbingly before their minds time and time again. But they try to smother that thought and ease their consciences by immersing themselves deeper and deeper in the affairs and the passing pleasures of this temporary life. Alas for them, a day of reckoning lies ahead, a day that is much nearer than they would like to believe. What will be their fate when they meet Christ the Judge, whom they had refused to follow and acknowledge during their days on earth?

This is a misfortune that could happen to any one of us, unless we think often of our purpose and our end in life. We have a few short years, but short though they be, we can earn for ourselves an eternity of happiness during this life. Let the straying sheep boast of their false freedom and of the passing joys they may get in this life—this freedom and these joys are mixed with much sorrow, and will end very soon. We know that if we follow the shepherd of our souls, we are on the way to the true life, the perfect life, the unending life which will have no admixture of sorrow, regret or pain. Where Christ is, there perfect happiness is, and there with God's grace we hope and trust to be.

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

**Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 32; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12**

## NOTICES:

### Second collection:

There will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund this weekend. This fund supports the formation of our future priests and permanent deacons for our Archdiocese. The formation of a priest typically takes around seven years and costs in the region of £200,000 per seminarian. This is a significant commitment for our Archdiocese, and it relies entirely on your generosity. Please give as generously as you are able, either in the second collection this weekend or online at: [www.vocations.org.uk/ctf](http://www.vocations.org.uk/ctf)

There will be a second collection for Sisters Mission Committee of England and Wales next weekend. The Missionary Sisters of St. Claver will be here next weekend to appeal on behalf. The Missionary Sisters work in solidarity with missionaries around the world, especially in regions where the Church is poor and resources are limited. We thank you for your generosity and ask you to keep the missionaries and their work in your prayers.

**Bingo Night, in aid of the Handicapped Fellowship,** Wednesday 13th May 2026 at Headington Conservative Club, Windmill Road OX3 7BZ. Doors open 7pm. Raffle £1 per strip, 2 flyers £2 each. Contact John Denning at 07799 087303 or see noticeboard for more information.

**QR Codes for donation:** To make giving more convenient, we have placed QR codes around the church and hall. These can be scanned with your phone to access our secure online donation page. We hope this provides an easy and flexible way for those who wish to support the parish. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

**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.

**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!

**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: RCOAB St Anthony of Padua. Sort code 60-10-28.  
Account number 66574919. Ref: Building

As of 22nd Apr	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£0	£0
Total	£2,440	£6,096

### Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose collection	£302.95
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£285.00
Online giving via website	£30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£627.95</b>
Votive candles	£100.25

**Monthly standing orders : £1231**

Date	Day	Time	Intention
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
Monday 27th April	Easter Feria	9:00am	Vincent Barron RIP
Tuesday 28th April	Easter Feria	6.00pm	Annamma Chacko RIP
Wed 29th April	Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe	9.00am	Con Ailin RIP
		1.00pm	JR Chapel
Thursday 30th April	Easter Feria	9.00am	John Foley RIP
Friday 01st May	Easter Feria	9.00am	For all Souls
Saturday 02nd May	Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9.00am	For Katie & Kristian on their wedding day
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Pat Hodgson RIP
Sunday 03rd May	Fifth Sunday of Easter	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Prayers for Rose Peeke and Family

**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.