

**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...

**National Men's Pro-life Conference**, on April 18th at Birmingham Christian College. Through compelling talks on fatherhood, marriage, post-abortion healing, spiritual warfare and sexual responsibility learn to live out your vocation with humility, courage and integrity. To book your place go to <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/commissioned-pro-life-mens-conference/> or contact [info@marchforlife.co.uk](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk).

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Easter rota	Jane Kennett
<u>Sunday Readers</u> : 8:30 am	Easter rota	Rajesh Paul
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Easter rota	Ewa Posner, Caroline Griffith
Eucharistic ministers (10am)	Easter rota	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](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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**05th April 2026**

### Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord Year A



The **Gospel** for Easter, Year A, is from *John 20:1-9*. The accounts of the resurrection of Christ differ in many details in the different writings of the New Testament, but the fact of the resurrection stressed in all of them, was the basis of the new Christian Faith. Had it not happened, Christianity would have been stillborn. It would have disappeared from Jerusalem and the world on that first Easter Sunday. Peter and his companions would have returned to their fishing-nets and boats on Lake Genesareth, and Christ the good and the kind man who had helped so many, would have been forgotten in half a generation.

But Christ was no mere man of kindly acts and words of wisdom. He was the Messiah promised for centuries. He was the suffering servant foretold by Isaiah, whose perfect obedience to his Father had led him to the Cross and the grave. But above all, he was the Son of God who had emptied himself (St. Paul) of his divine glory in order to be the perfect human servant of the Father, and who was now raised by the Father, with his divine glory restored, and his glorified resurrected body sharing in that glory. This was the kind of divine plan of God for mankind: through Christ, and because of Christ's (the new Adam's) perfect obedience, all mankind would be made worthy of divine sonship, and worthy of one day rising like Christ from the grave in glorified bodies.

Is all this too good to be true? It is, if we make God in our image and likeness, as so many opponents of Christianity do. He is God and his love is infinite and incomprehensible to us. What God can see in me and my fellowmen will always be a mystery to me, but then I have not the mind of God. All I know and all I need to know is that I have sufficient proofs that God loves all men. The Incarnation, death and resurrection of his Divine Son for man's sake is the greatest proof of love for us that even the omnipotent God could give. He has given it. As a necessary consequence from this act of divine love, we are guaranteed our resurrection from the dead to a life of unending happiness and glory if we do not, in extreme folly, reject God's offer.

Today, let us thank God once more for Easter and for all it means for us.

**Today's Reading:** Acts 10:34. 37-43; Ps 117; Colossians 3:1-4 or Corinthians 5:6-8; John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10 or Luke 24:13-35

**Responsorial Psalm:** This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

**Next Sunday:** Acts 2:42-47; Ps 117; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

#### **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:**

**Holy Week**

Monday 30th March	Morning Mass - Confessions after Mass	9.00am
Tuesday 31st March	Morning Mass - Confessions after Mass	9.00am
Wednesday 01st April	Morning Mass	8. 00am
Thursday 02nd April	Confessions	5pm - 6.30pm
	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	8.00pm
Friday 03rd April	Morning Prayers and Confessions	9.30am
	Stations of the Cross	10.30am
	Leaving SAOP carpark for Ecumenical Service	11.40am
	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	3.00pm
Saturday 04th April	Morning Prayers and confessions (Church HALL)	9.30am
	Easter Vigil	9.00pm
Sunday 05th April	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord	08.30am
	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord	10.00am

**Big Lent Walk** - This year, we aim to walk or cycle 1,000km as a parish for £1/km. Please sign up on the notice-board when you walk or cycle each week. **To date we have achieved 978.57km.**

**Sponsored walk for Parish Funds:** Mary G is arranging a sponsored walk to raise money for parish funds on Saturday May 2nd. 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.

**Day of Healing,** Saturday 18th April from 10.30am to 4pm. Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, 59 Hollow Way OX4 2ND. Contact info@littlewayhealingministries.com or see noticeboard 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: RCOB St Anthony of Padua. Sort code 60-10-28. Account number 66574919. Ref: Building

As of 01st Apr	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£0	£0
Total	£2,440	£6,096

Father Tony, Father Stephen, and the Parish team would like to wish all parishioners a blessed Easter. As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, may your hearts be filled with peace, hope and renewed faith.

**Last week's offertory collection**

Offertory	Total
Loose collection	£261.86
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£200.00
Online giving via website	£0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£471.86</b>
Votive candles	£34.45

**Monthly standing orders : £1231**

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 04th April	Holy Saturday	9.00pm	For All Souls
	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord	8.30am	People of the Parish
Sunday 05th April	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord	10.00am	Juliao Ximenes & Evaristo da Costa RIP
		10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 06th April	Easter Monday, Solemnity	9:00am	Thomas and Mary Lee 50th Wedding Anniversary
Tuesday 07th April	Easter Tuesday, Solemnity	9.00am	Holy Souls
Wed 08th April	Easter Wednesday, Solemnity	9.00am	Eddie McDonald RIP
		1.00pm	JR Chapel
Thursday 09th April	Easter Thursday, Solemnity	9.00am	Brian Kelly RIP
Friday 10th April	Easter Friday, Solemnity	9.00am	Michael McCormack RIP
Saturday 11th April	Easter Saturday, Solemnity	9.00am	Linda Hanley
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 12th April	Second Sunday of Easter	8.30am	Sean Freeman RIP
		10.00am	Milou Verloot 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.