

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

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in May: Margaret Carton, Margaret Crowe, Pam Regan, Larry King, Pamela Denning, Patrick McNally, Elizabeth O'Hara, Ann Rae, Patricia Hodgson, Michael Mobay, Fr John Baggley

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 May. 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
Vigil readers	Nevin Vuddamalay	Diya Thomas
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Hiliary Lappage	Rajesh Paul
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Ewa Posner, Caroline Griffiths	Geoff O'Donoghue, Linda Uzoma
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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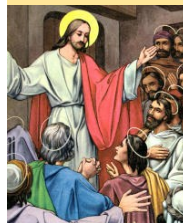
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03rd May 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A



We may well wonder at the slowness of the Apostles in seeing in Christ nothing more than a man—a great man, a man with power from God, yes, but still a mere man. That He was the Messiah, they were convinced, but their idea of the Messiah was wrong. They thought He would free Israel from foreign domination and set up a new kingdom of God—a prosperous, earthly kingdom with God guaranteeing peace and plenty for all. If, therefore, He allowed His enemies to put Him to death, all their hopes would be dashed to the ground. Hence, the mention of His impending death at the Last Supper filled them with dismay and despair.

But we must not judge them too harshly. Christ had indeed often claimed to be God, but His words fell on deaf ears. It was only after His resurrection that they began to understand that He had spoken literally—it was only then they believed He was indeed the Son of God, in human nature.

For us today, the Incarnation is still a mystery, but it is not the "how" that should trouble us, we know that with God all things are possible. It is rather the "why" that should cause us amazement. Why should God go to that length for our sake — mere creatures, and sinful, ungrateful creatures at that? The infinite goodness and the infinite love of God are the answer, but still an answer which is mysterious to us. For we, with our limited capacity for love, can form no idea of infinite love.

God created us "in His own image and likeness" (a very limited likeness, granted) and intended, because of the spiritual faculties He gave us, which enable us to see and enjoy truth and beauty, to give us a share in His eternal life and glory. To do this, the Incarnation of the second Person of the Holy Trinity was God's plan. There must have been other ways of doing this, but God, we can be sure, chose the best way. Even with our limited intelligence, we ourselves can see what a perfect way this was for proving to us the infinite love, goodness and compassion of our Creator.

Sin entered the world of man, as God had foreseen, but notwithstanding this ingratitude on our part, God's Son came in our lowly, human nature and suffered, even though sinless, all the effects of men's sins. He suffered in our name, and because He was God, His sufferings in His human nature made infinite atonement for the sins of all mankind.

All He asks in return is that we try to live our Christian life day after day, ever thanking Him for the gift of Christ and the Christian faith.

Today's Reading: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 32; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

Responsorial Psalm: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 65; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

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 Sisters Mission Committee of England and Wales this weekend. 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.

There will be a second collection for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese next weekend.

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 and Dedication to our Blessed Mother Mary. During this month of May, we will incorporate the praying of the Holy Rosary into our ongoing Nine Tuesdays Novena to Saint Anthony of Padua. The Rosary will be prayed before the Novena prayers. All parishioners are warmly invited to join us in this time of prayer and devotion. There will be no morning Mass on Tuesdays during this period up to and including 9th June.

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

As of 29th 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
Total	£627.95
Votive candles	£100.25

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Second collection (Clergy Education): £225.57

Date	Day	Time	Intention
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
Monday 04th May	Feast of the English Martyrs	9:00am	Thanksgiving mass for Abel
Tuesday 05th May	Easter Feria	6.30pm	Michael Mobay RIP
Wed 06th May	Easter Feria	9.00am	Vincent Barron RIP
		1.00pm	JR Chapel
Thursday 07th May	Easter Feria	9.00am	Peggy Green RIP
Friday 08th May	Easter Feria	9.00am	James King RIP
Saturday 09th May	Easter Feria	9.00am	Aleykutty Louis RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 10th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	8.30am	Marie Grenden
		10.00am	Sarah O'Connor Intentions

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.