

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	Diya Thomas	Catherine Joseph
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Rajesh Paul	Georges Yindom
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Geoff O'Donoghue, Linda Uzoma	Mercy Christopher, May Macpherson
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. The Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

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10th May 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A



In this discourse at the Last Supper, which was His last will and testament, our divine Lord promised His Church, through the Apostles, that the Holy Spirit would be with it until the end of time. The Spirit of truth will be directing it and effectively aiding it to preserve the faith, the doctrine, and the morals which Christ taught His Apostles.

Looking back now over almost 2,000 years of the Church's history we can see how this promise has been fulfilled. There were heretics and schismatics who threatened the very continuance of the Church as God's faithful people on earth. There were crises and near catastrophes caused by the human weaknesses of its heads and its members, yet the Church survived and spread and continued to send saints to heaven because of the direct and active aid of the Holy Spirit.

In the midst of all these upheavals the Church of Christ has continued to flourish because it was directed and sustained by the Holy Spirit, who abides within it. How can we ever show enough gratitude to the three Divine Persons of the Blessed Trinity who planned so lovingly and so efficaciously for our safe journey to heaven? The Father sent His Son as man among us so that we men could become His brothers, and adopted sons of the Father. The Son suffered hardships, insults and misunderstandings during His temporary stay on earth, and ended like a crucified malefactor because of the sins of mankind. But He rose triumphantly from the dead and set up the Church as a society which would bring to men of all races, ages and colours the salvation and exaltation of mankind, which His life and death had won for us.

Knowing only too well the weaknesses and waywardness of human nature, He and the Father sent the Holy Spirit to remain with His Church as its infallible guide until the last man has entered heaven.

This is a very brief summary of what the Blessed Trinity has done, and is continuing to do for us, through the Church. We, the people of God, the chosen race of the New Testament are God's Church on earth. It is for you and me that the Holy Spirit is at work this very day. When He guides the steps of Peter's successor, the Pope, or the deliberations of the bishops, the heirs of the apostolic college, it is for us and for our salvation that He is acting. While we are faithful members of the Church, and of Christ's mystical body, while we remain live branches safely attached to the vine who is Christ, we have nothing to fear; we are on the sure road to heaven, to enjoy eternal happiness with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit whom we shall thank and glorify forever.

Today's Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 65; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

Responsorial Psalm: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Next Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 26; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a

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 Poor Parishes of the Diocese this weekend.

There will be a second collection for Catholic Communications next weekend.

Holy Day of Obligation, Thursday 14th May, Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord: Being a holy day of obligation, there will be an additional evening mass at 6.30pm.

Farewell for Father Tony: As Father Tony prepares to leave our parish, we invite parishioners to join us as he will celebrate the vigil mass and Sunday mass over the weekend of 30th and 31st May. There will be a bring and share gathering after the 10am mass on Sunday. Those who are unable to attend the gathering are warmly invited to come and say farewell at any of the weekend masses.

Parish Priest visit for the sick and housebound: Father Emmanuel would like to arrange visits for parishioners who are sick or housebound. If you, or someone you know, would appreciate a visit, please email the parish office with your details so that Father can arrange a suitable time.

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.

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 06th May	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£0	£0
Total	£2,440	£6,096

Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose collection	£279.21
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£251.00
Online giving via website	£10.00
Total	£550.21
Votive candles	£86.72

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Second collection (Sisters of St Peter Claver): £295.75

Date	Day	Time	Intention
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
Monday 11th May	Easter Feria	9:00am	Peggy Green RIP
Tuesday 12th May	Easter Feria	6.30pm	Varghese Chacko RIP
Wed 13th May	Easter Feria	9.00am	John Denning Jr and Pamela Denning RIP
		1.00pm	JR Chapel
Thursday 14th May	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	9.00am	Vincent Barron RIP
		6.30pm	Ellen Stephens
Friday 15th May	Easter Feria	9.00am	Louis Varkey RIP
Saturday 16th May	Easter Feria	9.00am	James King RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Barbara Boot Intentions
Sunday 17th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Gerard Creegan 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.