

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

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in June: Elise Skaping, Roddy McNally, Julia Taylor, Maria Dos Santos Madeira, Veronica Hanlon, Bill Mansell, Lilian Flores, Breege Munnely, Doreen Busby

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 June. 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...

Harvington History Festival (22–26 July) The Harvington History Festival in Worcestershire returns from 22–26 July with a fascinating programme of talks, tours, and events exploring history at Harvington Hall, the Archdiocese's historic moated manor house well known for its priest hides. For more information and to book, please visit: harvingtonhall.co.uk

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Paul Moore	Catherine Joseph
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Georges Yindom	Veronica Robbins
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Confirmation children	Fathers of the parish
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. Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

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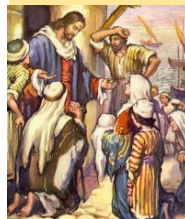
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14th June 2026

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



In today's first reading, we see the first part of our call. This reading tells us about one of the most famous covenants of God with his people in the Old Testament, the Sinai Covenant. Through it, God made Israel his people and offers to guide them toward a great destiny, and his people offer obedience.

If the people are faithful to their promise, they will forever be the sacred people, God's possession. If they fail due to their human destiny, God will not abandon them but will continue to search for them. This is God's way of acting. Although we fail, God never abandons us. Therefore, the saying is wise: "To err is human; to forgive divine." As humans, we always fail in our part of our covenant with God. We are quick to say yes, we believe and will be faithful to our covenant. However, most times, we fail. Despite this, God never abandons us. He continues to be faithful to his covenant.

In today's second reading, Paul reminds us of how God continues to be faithful to us through his only Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Through the sacrifice of Christ, we are constantly reconciled with God. So, God never abandons us because he chose and called us to be his people. The second aspect of our calling is to be Christ's disciples in a world quickly losing life's meaning, in a world where many feel abandoned, helpless, and hopeless. This call and mission were born from mercy and compassion for a dejected and abandoned world.

Therefore, as Christians, each of us has a unique call. By virtue of our baptism, God chose and called each of us by our new name, as he called his twelve apostles today, to help our abandoned world. This is a special call and invitation to lift and save our dejected world from ruins. It is a call to be faithful shepherds to one another. As God and his Son continue to show us mercy and compassion, we must also show mercy to one another, especially to those who have failed or erred in one way or the other.

Finally, our call had a unique purpose and message. Today, Christ sent his disciples with specific instructions. "Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, and drive out demons."

Is Christ discriminating? No! Indeed, Christ came to save the world. However, our call and mission must start from somewhere. We must start this mission with ourselves. It must begin in our homes, families, and communities. Later, the mission can be extended to others. Through this, Christ reminds us that Charity begins at home. This is important because we must first become God's people before becoming God's disciples.

Today's Reading: Exodus 19:2-6a; Ps99; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8

Responsorial Psalm: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Next Sunday: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Ps 68; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33

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 Day of Life next weekend.

Confirmation: Some of our young people are being confirmed by Bishop Richard this Sunday at the 10am Mass. Please remember them in your prayers and also their parents, families and catechists.

Tuesday evening Mass 6:30pm. Evening Mass will continue on Tuesdays, preceded by Devotional prayers to St Anthony of Padua.

Feast of St Anthony of Padua: This is on the 13th June and so will be celebrated at the Vigil Mass (at 6.30pm as normal). There will be a bring and share lunch after the 10am Mass on Sunday 14th June. Please sign up at the back of church to indicate what you are planning to bring.

New Mass books: Our new Mass books have arrived. Please support this financial outlay by donating via the card reader or the website.

CAFOD news: On the weekend of Saturday 20th/Sunday 21st June there will be an appeal from CAFOD to encourage us to sign a petition about the global debt crisis, which is causing terrible suffering for our brothers and sisters around the world. Cardinal Stephen from South Sudan has written to parishes in England and Wales to explain. Further information is on the CAFOD notice board in the porch. To show your support, please either sign online at cafod.org.uk/cancelthedebt, or sign the petition when it is available.

Thank you for helping to build a better world.

Garden Party at Newman's College, Littlemore. Saturday 4th July 3pm to 5pm. This is a fundraiser to support the Sisters of The Work in their mission at Newman's College. For raffle tickets or further information please contact 01865 779743 or littlemore@newman-friends.org.

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.

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.](#)

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

Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose collection	£359.44
Gift Aid Envelopes	£0.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£455.00
Online giving via website	£10.00
Total	£824.44
Votive candles	£89.92

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 13th June	Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	9.00am	Gabriela & Gabriel Drenea
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Peter Flaherty
Sunday 14th June	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Magaret Hardy
		10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 15th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Louis Varkey
Tuesday 16th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Linda Casey Intentions Marie Doody RIP
Wed 17th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	John & Bridget Green
		1.00pm	JR Chapel (Pat Mulvey Intentions)
Thursday 18th June	Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral	9.00am	Marie Connelly RIP Ruth Kavanagh RIP
Friday 19th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	John Mulry RIP
Saturday 20th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Mary Rodgers RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Jacob Jose Vazhappilly
Sunday 21st June	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Birthday thanksgiving for good health & life for Abigail Sabina Gonsalves

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.