

**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](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 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/](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...

**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](http://harvingtonhall.co.uk)

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Catherine Joseph	Agnes Valencak
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Veronica Robbins	Hilary Lappage
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Fathers of the parish	Genevive Chidera-Uba, Jane Kennett
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. 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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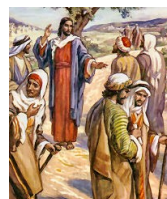
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**21st June 2026**

### Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



What our Lord said to His Apostles applies to all Christians in the practice of their faith. By the very fact of living our faith openly and fully we are apostles by example. If we are always truthful and faithful to our promises, if we are honest in all our dealings, if as employers we pay a just wage and treat those working for us not as "hands" but as whole men and women, if as employees we give an honest day's work for an honest day's pay, if we live chaste lives whether in single life or in marriage, we are true Christians. Above all, if we have true love of God and show our appreciation of all that he has done for us, and if we prove that love, by helping his other children, our neighbours, we are a light shining in the darkness, because we are helping others to see the true meaning of the Christian religion.

This true light is needed more today perhaps than ever before. Our world is three quarters pagan or neo-pagan. The neo-pagans are those who once were Christians but abandoned their religion, sometimes through their own fault, but more often than not, because of the bad example they were given by their fellow Christians. These are worse off spiritually than the pagans who have never heard of Christ or the true God. These latter have at least some idols, some ancestral deities, to whom they pay respect. The neo-pagans have only themselves to venerate, and they can find little spiritual uplift in this form of religion.

A large majority of today's teenagers, in most so-called Christian countries, have come to despise, or at least to neglect, the religion of their ancestors. In most cases the cause of this is that Christianity was never really put into practice in their own homes. There are cases of very black sheep coming out of very white Christian homes, but these are cases of weak personality—they prefer to follow the mob rather than try to force their way against it. On the whole, the decline of religion among today's youth is due to bad example from their elders.

In today's gospel message, our Lord is asking each one of us to be a fearless apostle. We will be, if we live up to our religion at home and abroad. "Have no fear of men," He tells us, "don't mind what your fellowmen think of you, if you object to obscene language in your work-place. Don't fear what will be thought of you if you say your grace before and after meals in a public restaurant or hotel. Don't take that extra drink just because your companions at the party might ridicule your control..."

Let us remember our Lord's promise "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven."

#### **Morning Prayers**

Mon, Wed - Fri 8.40am

#### **Mass Times:**

Mon, Wed - Fri 9.00am.

Tues: 6.30pm

Sat: 9am; Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday: 8.30am; 10am

**Adoration & Confession**

Saturday 5.30—6.15p.m.

**Today's Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Ps 68; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33**

**Responsorial Psalm: In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord!**

**Next Sunday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 33; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19**

## NOTICES:

### Second collection:

There will be a second collection for the Day of Life this weekend.

There will be a second collection for Peter's Pence next weekend.

**Silver Jubilee and Induction for Father Emmanuel**, Tuesday 14th July at 7pm. All parishioners are invited to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Priesthood and Induction of Father Emmanuel Adindu, MSP. This special occasion marks 25 years of dedicated priestly service and the beginning of a new chapter in ministry. We give thanks to God for His blessings and guidance.

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

**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](http://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](mailto: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: RCAOB St Anthony of Padua. Sort code 60-10-28. Account number 66574919. Ref: Building

### Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose collection	£274.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£0.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£165.00
Online giving via website	£5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£444.00</b>
Votive candles	£244.85

**Monthly standing orders : £1231**

Date	Day	Time	Intention
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
Monday 22nd June	Feast of Ss John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs	9:00am	Thanksgiving mass for Jessy
Tuesday 23rd June	Feria in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Private Intentions of Magdalene Wangil Maurice Hatchett RIP
Wed 24th June	Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist	9.00am	Peter Daly Intentions
		1.00pm	JR Chapel (Patricia Gallen RIP)
Thursday 25th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Fran Galen RIP Hughie Scanlon RIP
Friday 26th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Alejandro M Volante RIP
Saturday 27th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Wilfreds De Joya Major RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	John Lane Intentions
Sunday 28th June	Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Mariakutty Kuruvila 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.