

**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	Pauline Kumi	Paul Moore
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Rajesh Paul	Georges Yindom
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Mercy Christopher, May Macpherson	Ewa Posner, Caroline Griffiths
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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**07th June 2026**

### Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A



Corpus Christi is a Eucharistic solemnity, or better, the solemn commemoration of the institution of that sacrament. It is, moreover, the Church's official act of homage and gratitude to Christ, who by instituting the Holy Eucharist gave to the Church her greatest treasure. Holy Thursday, assuredly, marks the anniversary of the institution, but the commemoration of the Lord's passion that very night suppresses the rejoicing proper to the occasion. Today's observance, therefore, accents the joyous aspect of Holy Thursday. The Mass and the Office for the feast was edited or composed by St. Thomas Aquinas upon the request of Pope Urban IV in the year 1264.

In the words of St. Thomas:

"How inestimable a dignity, beloved brethren, divine bounty has bestowed upon us Christians from the treasury of its infinite goodness! For there neither is nor ever has been a people to whom the gods were so nigh as our Lord and God is nigh unto us.

"Desirous that we be made partakers of His divinity, the only-begotten Son of God has taken to Himself our nature so that having become man, He would be enabled to make men gods. Whatever He assumed of our nature He wrought unto our salvation. For on the altar of the Cross He immolated to the Father His own Body as victim for our reconciliation and shed His blood both for our ransom and for our regeneration. Moreover, in order that a remembrance of so great benefits may always be with us, He has left us His Body as food and His Blood as drink under appearances of bread and wine.

"O banquet most precious! O banquet most admirable! O banquet overflowing with every spiritual delicacy! Can anything be more excellent than this repast, in which not the flesh of goats and heifers, as of old, but Christ the true God is given us for nourishment? What more wondrous than this holy sacrament! In it bread and wine are changed substantially, and under the appearance of a little bread and wine is had Christ Jesus, God and perfect Man. In this sacrament sins are purged away, virtues are increased, the soul is satiated with an abundance of every spiritual gift. No other sacrament is so beneficial. Since it was instituted unto the salvation of all, it is offered by Holy Church for the living and for the dead, that all may share in its treasures.

"My dearly beloved, is it not beyond human power to express the ineffable delicacy of this sacrament in which spiritual sweetness is tasted in its very source, in which is brought to mind the remembrance of that all-excelling charity which Christ showed in His sacred passion? Surely it was to impress more profoundly upon the hearts of the faithful the immensity of this charity that our loving Savior instituted this sacrament at the last supper when, having celebrated the Pasch with His disciples. He was about to leave the world and return to the Father. It was to serve as an unending remembrance of His passion, as the fulfilment of ancient types — this the greatest of His miracles. To those who sorrow over His departure He has given a unique solace."

#### **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.

**Today's Reading: Deut 8:2-3, 24b-16a; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58**

**Responsorial Psalm: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!**

**Next Sunday: Exodus 19:2-6a; Ps99; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8**

## NOTICES:

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation:** Some of our children are making their first Holy Communion this Sunday, and others are being confirmed next weekend - both at the 10am Masses. Please remember them all in your prayers and also their parents, families and catechists.

**Nine Tuesdays Novena to St Anthony of Padua.** This week is the last week of the Novena.. All parishioners are warmly invited to join us in this time of prayer and devotion at 6pm. There will be no morning Mass on Tuesdays during this period up to and including 9th June.

**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.

**Ordination to the priesthood of Rev Deacon Jonathan Henry:** This will take place in Birmingham on Saturday July 4th. There is a flyer on the notice board at the back of church with details and a QR code for those who wish to attend the ordination (including the option of booking a place on a coach leaving SAOP). Alternatively you can use the link: [bit.ly/RevHen](http://bit.ly/RevHen). The same QR code and link should also be used if you wish to join Jonny and his family at his first Mass which is being celebrated at St Anthony's the following day (Sunday 5th July at 3pm), and refreshments afterwards. THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND TO SIGN UP IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO ALREADY.

**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.

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

## Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose collection	£369.30
Gift Aid Envelopes	£0.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£230.00
Online giving via website	£0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£599.30</b>
Votive candles	£82.77

**Monthly standing orders : £1231**

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 06th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Sr Mary Joseph
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Birthday thanksgiving mass for Christine, may the Lord watch over her family
Sunday 07th June	Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Joao de Sa Benevides RIP
Monday 08th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Aleykutty Louis RIP
Tuesday 09th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Bride Heavey RIP
			Birthday thanksgiving: to pray for God's blessing, wisdom & health for Christopher Chukwu
Wed 10th June	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Marie Doody RIP
		1.00pm	JR Chapel (All Souls)
Thursday 11th June	Memorial of St Barnabas, Apostle	9.00am	Varghese Chacko RIP Edward Anthony Murray RIP
Friday 12th June	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	9.00am	Mary Unte of Knots
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

**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.