

Please pray for those who have recently died: John Batey

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in July: Donald Holifield, Billy Munnely, Eileen McNally, Bob and Peggy Clarke, Teo Reynoso, Prisca Magno Rodrigues, Anthony Baquiram, Ann Slaughter, Miguel Balatbat, Teodoro Ciocson, Joan Manuell

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 July. 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](#)

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	Nevin Vuddamalay
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Veronica Robbins	Hilary Lappage
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Mercy Christopher, May Macpher-	Genevive Chidrea-Uta, 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 if you have any concerns.

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12th July 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



Today's parable is Christ's answer to the question so frequently asked: "Why does God permit evil to triumph so often in this world, why are the wicked allowed to prosper?" The triumph of the wicked is short-lived, the reward of the Christian who suffers from their wickedness is everlasting. The very wickedness and injustices of evil-doers are one of the ways that God uses to perfect his elect. It is only on a battlefield that a true soldier can be proved.

In the parable, the weed does not destroy the wheat. It only makes it more difficult for the wheat to grow to maturity. So it is with the Christian. No one can take his faith from him, but living up to it is made more difficult by the evil influence and bad example of sinners. If some succumb to this evil influence and give up the practice of their faith, the fault is theirs. God can force no man to serve him.

The patience of the farmer in letting the weed grow on until harvest time, exemplifies the infinite mercy of God toward sinners. The weed could not change its nature, but the sinner can change his ways and God gives him every chance and every help to do this, up to his last moment of life. No sinner will be excluded from heaven because of the sins he committed but because he did not repent of these sins while he had the opportunity.

We must learn a double lesson of patience from this parable. First, to be patient with those who make our spiritual progress more difficult for us—they are actually helping us to be better Christians if we bear with patience the injuries they inflict on us. Second, we must try to imitate the patience God shows in his dealings with sinners. While we must not approve of their evil deeds, or their sins, we must still look on them as our brothers and do all in our power to put them back on the right road to heaven. We can do this by good example, and by fervent prayer for their conversion. This is not easy for human nature, but we can be certain that God will give us the necessary grace and strength to subdue our natural weakness and aversion, if we try to act with charity and true brotherly interest toward our erring fellowmen.

By acting thus, we will not only be helping a weak brother on the rugged road to heaven, we will also be making doubly sure of our own arrival there, for God will never be outdone in generosity.

Today's Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Ps 85; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

Responsorial Psalm: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Next Sunday: 1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12; Ps 118; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

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.

NOTICES:

Thank you: Father Emmanuel would like to thank everyone who helped make his induction ceremony and Silver Jubilee celebrations such a joyous and memorable occasion. He had experienced such warmth, kindness and generosity from our wonderful community, and he looks forward to continuing our journey of faith together.

Parish Summer Picnic with St Anthony's and Friends, Sunday 2nd August, from 12pm . Sandfield Road Park (next to the church). All parishioners, friends and family are welcome to join in for a delightful day of fun, food, music and games. Please bring food and games to share.

24 hour mass and adoration, 7 - 8th Aug, starting 9am mass on Friday and concluding with 9am mass on Saturday. To ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left unattended, a sign up sheet is available at the back of church for parishioners to sign up for an hour of prayer.

John Batey RIP.: John's requiem will be on Tuesday 4th August at Our Lady of Christians, Hollow Rd at 2pm, followed by a private burial. Please remember John, and his widow Margaret, in your prayers.

Bibles, Bibles, Bibles..... If your home is without a bible there are a variety for free collection in the porch this weekend. Please help yourself.

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.

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	£168.72
Gift Aid Envelopes	£0.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£355.00
Online giving via website	£0.00
Total	£523.72
Votive candles	£65.41

Monthly standing orders : **£1231**

Second collection (Apostleship of the Sea): £78.39

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 18th July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Khatija Hauva
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	John & Denise Santy
Sunday 19th July	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Ann Sheahan Intentions
Monday 20th July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	All Souls
Tuesday 21st July	Feria in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Altar Servers Bridget McGroaty RIP
Wed 22nd July	Feast of St Mary Magdalene	9.00am	Nancy Creavan Intentions
		1.00pm	JR Chapel (Michael Moyles RIP)
Thursday 23rd July	Feast of St Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe	9.00am	Mrs O'Neill RIP Paddy Rochford
Friday 24th July	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Michael Moyles RIP
Saturday 25th July	Feast of St James, Apostle	9.00am	Baby Aby RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Thanksgiving for all blessings
Sunday 26th July	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	May Conley

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.