

Please pray for those who have recently died: John Batey, Shaun Blain

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in August: Kathleen Harvatt, Michael Marshall, Kathleen Marshall, Lee Hagan, John O'Sullivan, Marietta Carreon, Sr Mary Amicia, Honorata Santiago, Peter Bean

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 August. 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...

Sunday 6th September - The annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, Shrine of the English Martyrs. This year the principal celebrant will be His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain assisted by The Most Reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham. See Noticeboard for more info.

	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	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 if you have any concerns.

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2nd August 2026

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



This miracle was an act of kindness and loving thoughtfulness on the part of Christ. He saw the people's need: it was late for them to return to their homes and they had had nothing to eat all day, and He worked a miracle to provide for this need. The miracle also helped to convince the people of Galilee that He was the expected Messiah, but especially it prepared the way for the announcement of the greatest miracle of all - the miracle of the Eucharist. As St. John tells us Jesus referred to this miracle the next day in order to introduce His promise of the heavenly bread which He would give them and which was to be His own body and blood, under the form of bread and wine. The bread He miraculously multiplied that day to supply the bodily needs of the Galilean multitude was but a foreshadowing of that heavenly food which He was about to give as spiritual nourishment to the millions who would become His followers down through the centuries until the end of time.

The Galileans were grateful to Him for providing so kindly and so thoughtfully for their needs. How much more grateful should we not be for the miracle by means of which He has left us Himself to be our daily spiritual food? We are grateful, of course, to our loving Lord who not only handed up His Body to His enemies to be crucified for us, but through His divine power, arranged that His glorified body, triumphant over death, should remain with us, His Church, forever under the Eucharistic species.

Though invisible to mortal eyes, He is as truly present on our altars as He was that day in Galilee, when He miraculously fed the multitude. He is present under the form of bread and wine, so that we can partake of Him as spiritual nourishment during our earthly life. Could love go any further? Once a man has given his life he has given his all; there is nothing more he can give. But Christ was more than man. He was God as well, and, therefore, He was able not only to lay down His human life for us, but was able and willing to remain with us after death under the Eucharistic species: to be our strength and nourishment until we join Him in the promised land of heaven.

When we compare our own unworthiness with this, almost incredible, love and thoughtfulness of Christ for us, all we can do is simply to say: "Lord, you know I am not worthy to receive you, but you say you want to come into my poor and untidy home, please make me less unworthy, forgive all my past sins and offenses, and give me the grace and strength to be better in the future."

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: Isaiah 55:1-3; Ps 144; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

Responsorial Psalm: You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord!

Next Sunday: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps84; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

NOTICES:

THIS SUNDAY!! Parish Summer Picnic with St Anthony’s and Friends, Sunday 2nd August, from 12pm . Sandfield Road Park (next to the church). Please bring your barbecue stands for a barbeque session on church compound and bring them across to the park for a delightful day of fun, food, music and games.

24 Hour Mass and Adoration, 7th - 8th August, starting 9am		
7th Aug	9am	Mass of the Sacred Heart
	10am-3pm	Silent Adoration
	3pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet
7/8 Aug	3.30pm -8th Aug 8am	Silent Adoration
8th Aug	8am	Morning Prayers
	9am	Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thank you to all parishioners who signed up for the adoration. If you’re unable to make your scheduled hour, please contact the office at stanthonyp.oxford@rcaob.org.uk or at 01865 762 964 as soon as possible. It is vital that the Blessed Sacrament is never left unattended.		

2027 World Youth Day: In view of the forthcoming World Youth Day 2027 taking place in Seoul, South Korea, our parish intends to mobilize our young people and young adults for an incredible spiritual encounter with Pope Leo. All parents who would like to have their children attend should please see Fr Stephen.

Shaun Blain RIP: Shaun’s funeral will be on Monday 3rd August at Corpus Christi Church at 10am. Everyone is welcome. Please remember Shaun and his family in your prayers.

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

Celebration Mass for Fr Jonathan Henry. Sunday 30th August 10am. Fr Jonny will celebrate Mass for us and give out the St Stephen’s medals to our altar servers. Mass will be followed by a bring and share lunch in the hall. If you would like to contribute to a present either use the card reader or QR code at the back of church. Cash can be given to either of our priests or to Jane Kennett

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	£180.17
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£180.00
Online giving via website	£0.00
Total	£320.17
Votive candles	£45.92

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 01st Aug	Memorial of St Alphonsus Mary de’ Liguori, Bishop. Doctor of the Church	9.00am	Sr Mary Josephine Intentions
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Rita and Bill Falan RIP
Sunday 02nd Aug	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Thomas Collins RIP
Monday 03rd Aug	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Thanksgiving mass
Tuesday 04th Aug	Memorial of St John Mary Vianney, Priest	6.30pm	Special Intentions Norah O’Neill
Wed 05th Aug	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Bill Mulligan RIP
		1.00pm	JR Chapel (Florrie Duffy RIP)
Thursday 06th Aug	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	9.00am	Tim Maguire RIP Sr Marian Intentions
Friday 07th Aug	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Nellie Scanlon
Saturday 08th Aug	Memorial of St Dominic, Priest	9.00am	Mrs Dymphna Morby Intentions
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	All Vocations
Sunday 09th Aug	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	All Priests

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.