

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...

Churches Together in Marston and Northway, Third Thursdays together starting 17th September. Each day will start at 11am with a break for lunch between 12pm and 1pm. Please bring packed lunch. See noticeboard for more information. All are welcome.

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Paulie Kumi	Jane Kennett
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Hilary Lappage	Rajesh Paul
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Genevive Chidera-Uba, Jane Kennett	Geoff O'Donoghue, Linda Uzoma
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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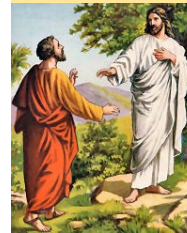
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23rd August 2026

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



Jesus, the true Son of God, became man in order to make all men His brothers and co-heirs with Him, to the divine, eternal kingdom. To carry on His divine mission on earth after He had ascended into heaven, He founded the Church on the twelve Apostles. This Church was to be God's new Chosen People. It was to be made up of all races from all parts of the world. As its mission was to bring the message of salvation to all men, it was to go on until the end of time. For this Church, this divinely instituted society of human beings, to carry out its mission of helping all men to reach their eternal kingdom, it was necessary to be sure of the road and the aids offered to its members. In other words, the Church should be certain that what it told men to believe and to practice was what God wanted them to believe and to practice. Today's reading from St. Matthew tells us how Christ provided for this necessity. In making Peter the head of the Apostolic College, the foundation-stone of his Church, the guarantor of its stability in the symbol of the keys and the promise that all his decisions would be ratified in heaven, Christ gave him the power of freedom from error when officially teaching the universal Church.

In other words, Peter received the primacy in the Church and the gift of infallibility in his official teaching on matters of faith and morals. As the Church was to continue long after Peter had died, it was rightly understood from the beginning that the privileges given to him and which were necessary for the successful mission of the Church, were given to his lawful successors—the Popes.

This has been the constant belief in the Church from its very beginning. The first Vatican Council solemnly defined this dogma and it was reconfirmed recently in the second Vatican Council. In giving these powers to Peter and to his lawful successors Christ was planning for our needs. In order to preserve and safeguard the right conduct of all its members He provided a central seat of authoritative power in His Church. Through the gift of infallibility, He assured us that whatever we were commanded to believe or to do would always be what He and his heavenly Father wanted us to believe and to do

How can we ever thank Christ for these marvellous gifts to his Church, that is, to us? Let us say a fervent: "thank you, Lord; You have foreseen all our needs and provided for them, grant us the grace to do the little part you ask of us in order to continue our progress on the one direct road to heaven."

Today's Reading: Isaiah 22:15, 19-23; Ps37; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

Responsorial Psalm: O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps62; Rom 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

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:

24-hour mass and adoration, 04th to 5th Sep. Building on the incredible success and support for the last 24-hour mass and adoration, we are pleased to offer another adoration session, starting on 4th September at the 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.

CAFOD news: The parish CAFOD team thank all parishioners who signed the petition last month calling on the government to review the debt repayment policy for low-income countries. We wrote to our MP, Annelise Dodds, and her reply is on the CAFOD notice board in the porch. She agrees that tackling this issue is a key development priority and her letter makes some interesting points.

Parish Calendar: The parish church calendar has been published on the parish website under “Upcoming Events”. If you have a parish activity or event that you would like to add to the calendar, please speak to Father Emmanuel. Hall use should be booked through the office as normal.

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.

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	£249.30
Gift Aid Envelopes	£20.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£296.00
Online giving via website	£5.00
Total	£570.30
Votive candles	£41.05

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 22nd Aug	Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00am	Mrs Dymphna Morby Intentions
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Thomas Collins RIP
Sunday 23rd Aug	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Marie Doody RIP
Monday 24th Aug	Feast of St Batholomew, Apostle	9:00am	Aleykutty Louis RIP
Tuesday 25th Aug	Feria in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Marie Doody RIP Anthony Intentions
Wed 26th Aug	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Annamma Chacko RIP
		1.00pm	JR Chapel (Donors’ Intentions)
Thursday 27th Aug	Memorial of St Monica	9.00am	Tim Maguire RIP Donors’ Intentions
Friday 28th Aug	Memorial of St Augustine of Hippo, Bishop, Doctor of the church	9.00am	Donors’ Intentions
Saturday 29th Aug	Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist	9.00am	Domingos Xavier de Araujo RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 30th Aug	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Birthday Thanksgiving Nicholas Lee
		10.00am	Birthday Celebration for Dr Francis Ayo-moh

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.