

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	Agnes Valencak	Paulie Kumi
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Veronica Robbins	Hilary Lappage
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Mercy Christopher, May Macpherson	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 if you have any concerns.

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16th August 2026

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Year A



The Assumption, like all Marian feasts, isn't actually about Mary alone. Instead, it's about the power of God at work in the life of a woman who allowed herself to be filled totally, utterly and completely by the love and grace of God. In all things, she focused on the Lord and gave all praise and glory to Him.

We see this in our Gospel for the Assumption. Elizabeth, her cousin and friend, has just exclaimed how blessed Mary is for bearing the Saviour. Mary immediately turns this praise and adulation around, acknowledging that it is only through this mysterious gift from above that she is able to be called "blessed among women". Her soul magnifies the Lord and her spirit rejoices in God her Saviour.

In all things, Mary continually points to her son. As the woman who fights the dragon, she does so on behalf of us, her children, so that we may fight against sin and grow in union with God. In our life of prayer, she intercedes for us and teaches us what prayer is and how to do it. In our life of suffering, she walks alongside us as the Mother of Sorrows, showing us that suffering is not pointless but, when united with the sufferings of Christ, can be a great source of grace for us and for the world.

Above all, the Assumption shows us that God rewards fidelity to His will and His voice. Mary always listened to the voice of the Lord and acted on it. We are called to do the same! By listening to His Word and responding to His grace, we too grow in holiness. And as Mary was brought body and soul into the glory of Heaven, her Assumption reminds us of the destiny for which God created each one of us: eternal life with Him.

The Assumption is a time to honour and venerate the Virgin Mary, our Mother and the Mother of Christ, who is both God and man. I strongly encourage you to pray a Rosary on this special day and, if praying the Rosary is already part of your daily spiritual practice (well done, by the way), find another way to honour Our Lady.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary keep you safe beneath her mantle, intercede for you and your loved ones and be for you a constant source of strength and encouragement as she leads you ever closer to her Son!

Today's Reading: Revelation 11:19a; 12-1-6a, 10ab; Ps44; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

Responsorial Psalm: Go up, Lord, to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your strength.

Next Sunday: Isaiah 22:15, 19-23; Ps37; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

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 and Father Stephen would like to thank everyone who took part in the 24-hour adoration. It was wonderful to see parishioners come together as a community in prayer and make it a beautiful success. Please look out for the next 24-hour adoration so that we can continue this wonderful time of prayer.

Thank you from Fr Tony Bassey: Please take time to read a letter from Fr Tony expressing his appreciation to the parish for the blessings he received during his years at St Anthony's. The letter is on the church notice board in the porch.

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 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.

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.

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 notice-board for more information. All are welcome.

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	£212.43
Gift Aid Envelopes	£0.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£498.00
Online giving via website	£0.00
Total	£710.43
Votive candles	£24.24

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 15th Aug	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Harry Finan Snr RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Sean Blane RIP
Sunday 16th Aug	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Alice Meagher
Monday 17th Aug	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Bill Mulligan RIP
Tuesday 18th Aug	Feria in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Special Intention Christine Thorton RIP
Wed 19th Aug	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	All Souls
		1.00pm	JR Chapel(Thomas Kelly RIP)
Thursday 20th Aug	Memorial of St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church	9.00am	Tim Maguire RIP Special Intentions
Friday 21st Aug	Memorial of St Pius X, Pope	9.00am	Tim Maguire RIP
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

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.