

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

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in September: Kathleen Marshall, John Szewczyk, Heriberto Carreon, Patrick Denning, Moira Redfern, Ann Ashfield, John Billington, Joselito Villena, Sebastian Rhys Ciocon, Chris Byrne, Sheila King, Kathy Stevens

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 September. 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...

Newman Night Walk, Thursday 8th October 2026. Starting 7.15pm from the Oratory. See noticeboard for more information.

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Catherine Joseph	Agnes Valencak
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Veronica Robbins	Hilary Lappage
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Jane Kennett	Ewa Posner, Caroline Griffiths
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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20th September 2026

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



The call to the vineyard (to the Church), through God's gift of faith and the sacrament of baptism, is a gift for which we can never sufficiently thank God. If we remain in the vineyard and labour honestly, that is, if we cooperate with the actual graces God is continually giving us, we are assured of reaching heaven when our earthly days are ended. The work we have to do in God's vineyard is the fulfilling of the duties of our state in life. By carrying out these duties faithfully and honestly we are doing the will of God and earning heaven. The greater part of our day and indeed of our life, will be taken up with tasks of themselves worldly, but these tasks when done in the state of grace and with the intention of honouring God, have a supernatural value. For this we have to thank God for His goodness and generosity.

He could have made the attainment of heaven so much more difficult. He could have demanded extraordinary mortifications and renunciations and the reward (heaven) would still be exceedingly great. Instead He allows us to live our everyday life, to enjoy the love and friendship of our family and friends, to satisfy the natural desires of our bodies, within the commandments, and yet to merit a supernatural reward while so doing. As He tells us through St. Paul: "whether you eat or drink or whatever else you do, do all to the glory of God (1 Cor. 10 : 31)."

Looking back on our past life, how many years have we really given to God since we came to the use of reason? Those school years, the time spent learning a trade or profession, the weeks, months, years working in an office or factory or farm, the hours among the pots and pans in the kitchen — have we earned some credit in heaven for all of this, or is it all crossed off our pay sheet through lack of right intention or through sin?

If so, those years are lost to us. We were "idle" all that time. Today's parable, however, should give us new hope and courage. It may be the sixth or the ninth or even the eleventh hour of our life but we can still earn heaven if we listen to God's call and set to work diligently in His vineyard. If we put our conscience right with God today and resolve to be loyal to Him from now on He will be as generous to us, as the parable promises.

Today's Reading: Isa 55:6-9; Ps144; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16a

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is close to all who call him.

Next Sunday: Ezek 18:25-28; Ps24; Phil 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

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:

Second collection: There will be a second collection this weekend for Catholic Evangelisation.

There will be a second collection next week for Father Hudson’s Society.

Service for Anointing of the Sick, Sunday 20th September, 2pm. All parishioners, family members and caregivers who wish to receive this healing sacrament or support their loved ones are welcome.

Winter coats collection: Please look and see if you have any winter coats at home suitable for donation for the homeless at The Porch.

Mass stipends: Envelopes are available at the back of church to request Mass intentions. A suggested donation is £10. If, due to financial issues this is not possible, please contact Fr Emmanuel.

QR codes for 1st and 2nd collections. We have attached QR codes to the collection bags to enable easier giving via your smartphone. The card reader will still be available as normal.

Help Restart Our Parish Devotional Shop: We are seeking volunteers to serve just 20 minutes before and 20 minutes after our weekend masses (two volunteers per mass). We are also looking for a dedicated Volunteer Coordinator to help manage the rota and stock. Please speak with Father Emmanuel or email the parish office for more information.

24-Hour Adoration: Our next 24 hour adoration will be on Friday 2nd October 2026. Become a part of the 24-Hour Prayer Community and join our weekly mailing list such as 2-minute devotions for silent adorations, real testimonies, practical updates on weather adjustments and more. Email the parish office for more information.

Governors needed at St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School - Due to governors reaching the end of their terms of office we now need several new Catholic Foundation Governors to join the established Governing Body to oversee and support the continued development of the school, building on the success of recent Ofsted and Catholic Schools Inspectorate assessments. Governors work as a team, acting as critical and supportive friends, and it’s a very rewarding voluntary role. Training and support will be given. For an informal chat contact John Kirwan, Vice-Chair of Governors (M: 07985098544, e: jkir3838@st-josephs-pri.oxon.sch.uk), or Jess Tweedie, the Headteacher (Tel: 01865 763357, e: head.3838@st-josephs-pri.oxon.sch.uk).

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	£161.92
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£407.00
Online giving via website	£5.00
Total	£583.92
Votive candles	£32.70

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Second collection (Catholic Education Services): £67.75

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 19th Sep	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Birthday memorial for Samantha Nkiruka and Chief Joseph Uchechukwu Igweh
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	1 Year Remembrance of grandson Nesta Pinto
Sunday 20th Sep	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Private Intentions
		10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 21st Sep	St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist	9:00am	Peter Ling Cheng Cai RIP
Tuesday 22nd Sep	Feria in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Donors’ Intentions
Wed 23rd Sep	St Pio of Pietrelcina	9.00am	Donors’ Intentions
		1.00pm	JR Chapel (Donors’ Intentions)
Thursday 24th Sep	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Remembrance Mass - Mrs Lilly Tomson Donors’ Intentions
Friday 25th Sep	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Thanksgiving to God for success in my studies
Saturday 26th Sep	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Donors Intentions
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Sheila King RIP
Sunday 27th Sep	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	In memoriam Samantha Nkiruka Igweh
		10.00am	Liliana and Teotonio 18th Wedding Anniversary

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.