

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

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in October: Breda Dwyer, Lee Hagan, John O’Sullivan, Margaret Bagley, Pat Deeley, Chris Byrne, Shaun McCarthy, Martin Moran, Robin Devenish

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 October. 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...

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Paulie Kumi	Jane Kennett
Sunday Readers: 8:30 am	Rajesh Paul	Georges Yindom
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Mercy Christopher, May Macpherson	Genevive Chidera-Uba, Jane Kennett
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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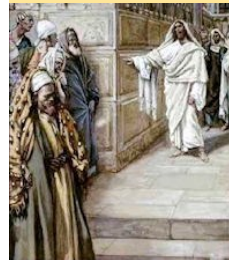
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04th October 2026

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



There are two leading thoughts that come to the mind of any true believer on hearing this parable from the Gospel of Matthew: the infinite goodness, patience and mercy of God in His dealings with mankind, and the unsounded depths of wickedness and ingratitude to which men can sink. To His Chosen People of the Old Testament, God had given a fertile and fully-equipped vineyard — His revelation, His protection, a homeland of their own in Canaan, and all this in order to prepare them for the future Messiah, who would bring them an eternal home in God's own Kingdom. All He asked in return was their cooperation.

But they had other plans; they wanted their kingdom on earth. Yet God was patient with them; again and again He pardoned their infidelities. He sent them prophet after prophet to recall them to their senses, but they maltreated these messengers of God and refused to heed their warnings.

Then "the fullness of time" came and He sent His divine Son on earth in human form. He took His human nature from one of their race, lived among them and preached His gospel of love and peace to them. He tried to soften their hard hearts, and made them the final offer of the Father's mercy and pardon. But instead of accepting God's offer of mercy the chief priests and elders only made it an occasion of an even greater sin. To their crimes of infidelity and injustice they added the murder of God's Messiah and Son.

In God's plan of love and mercy the tragedy of Calvary turned out to be the great "triumph of failure." That death brought life to the world and opened the gates of God's eternal kingdom for all nations and races. The Gentiles rallied around the standard of Christ. A new vineyard was set up in which all men could work for their Father in heaven and for their own eternal interests.

We Christians today are the successors of the first Gentile followers of Christ. We too have been called to work in God's vineyard. Are we working honestly and devotedly? Are we producing the grapes and the wine that our divine Master expects of us? If our answer is "yes, I am living a true Christian life, I am working for God's honour and glory and for my own eternal salvation," then we can say a heartfelt "thank you" to our merciful Father, and ask him to keep us ever on this right path. But if our answer is "no," then let us pay heed to today's lesson. What happened to the chief priests and elders can and will happen to unfaithful Christians if they persevere in their infidelity and disobedience. But we can still put ourselves right with God. Let us do it today — tomorrow may be too late.

Today's Reading: Isa 5:1-7; Ps79; Phil 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

Responsorial Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Next Sunday: Isa 25:6-10; Ps22; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

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:

Fr Emmanuel will be away from the parish from 6th October to 7th November, as he travels to Nigeria to celebrate his Silver Jubilee with his year group. We wish him safe travels and a very happy celebration. An invitation/ link to the celebration Mass on 17th October will be made available soon.

CAFOD: There will be an appeal this weekend for CAFOD Family Fast day. Envelopes will be available for the second collection next weekend.

Deanery Visitation Feedback: Following our visit from the Archbishop in February year there will be a deanery feedback session on Tuesday October 6th at 7pm at Blessed Dominic Barbari Church, Littlemore.

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

“The Eucharistic Miracles of the World.” From Tuesday, 6th October – Sunday, 11th October, 10.00 am – 6.00 pm (9.00-2.00 on Sunday), in the Don Bosco Centre at Our Lady’s, Cowley, we shall have an exhibition of posters about Eucharistic miracles around the world, assembled by St. Carlo Acutis to encourage devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Entry free. All welcome.

Parish Register Update: Our parish is planning an important update to our parish register, which has not been reviewed for many years. The form will be available at the back of church and is already available online.

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.

Our Parish Devotional Shop is now open! Our aim is to have the shop open 20 minutes before and 20 minutes after our weekend masses, and to achieve this more volunteers would be ideal. 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: Thank you to all parishioners for making the adoration a success.

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.

Last week’s offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose collection	£145.72
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£257.10
Online giving via website	£150.00
Total	£562.82
Votive candles	£33.29

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Second collection (Father Hudson’s Society): £126.70

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 03rd Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Helen Byrne Intentions
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Lily Feaver RIP
Sunday 04th Oct	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Constantine Matthew RIP
Monday 05th Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Carol Tilbury RIP
Tuesday 06th Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Mary Ann Coaves Rose Bradley RIP
Wed 07th Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary	9.00am	Helena McCaughey RIP
		1.00pm	JR Chapel (Jimmy Caslin Intentions)
Thursday 08th Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Pat and Mavis King (Diamond Jubilee) Maggie Downey RIP
Friday 09th Oct	St John Henry Newman, Doctor of the church	9.00am	John O’Sullivan RIP
Saturday 10th Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Derek Caldwell
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 11th Oct	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Samantha Mcnamara RIP
		10.00am	In memoriam Samantha Nkiruka Igweh

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.