

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...

Candlelight Service, Friday 27th November, 6-7pm at St Anthony of Padua.

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Jane Kennett	Paul Moore
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Georges Yindom	Veronica Robbins
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Genevive Chidera-Uba, Jane Kennett	Audrey Ayomoh, Geoff O’Donoghue
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.

St Anthony of Padua, Oxford

115 Headley Way, Oxford OX3 7SS | Web: www.stanthonyofpadua.org.uk
www.facebook.com/saop.oxford



Presbytery and office: 01865 762964 | Parish priest: 07484 271876 |
Email: stanthonyop.oxford@rcaob.org.uk

Parish Priest: Fr Emmanuel Adindu, MSP: fr.emmanuel.adindu@rcaob.org.uk

Assistant Priest: Stephen Ojapah, MSP: fr.stephen.ojapah@rcaob.org.uk

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216

Parish secretary (Wed & Fri): stanthonyop.oxford@rcaob.org.uk

11th October 2026

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



How foolish the Pharisees were in not listening to our Lord's warnings. He gave them every opportunity to turn away from the false path which their pride had chosen for them. His divine heart was ever ready to embrace them if only they would say "mea culpa." "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets, and stone them that are sent to you, how often would I have gathered together your children, as the hen does her chickens under her wings, and you would not" (Mt. 23:37)? "God created us without our cooperation," says St. Augustine. "but he cannot save us unless we cooperate."

We too could make the Pharisees' mistake. We have the invitation to the wedding feast; in fact, we are already in the banquet hall, since our baptism; but are we wearing the wedding garment of virtue and grace? If not, we are no better off than those who rejected the invitation. The king may come in at any moment and cast out those who are not properly dressed. Being a member of the Church on earth is a wonderful privilege, and a sure guarantee that we will reach heaven, if we do what is expected of us. But the same obstacles which prevented the Pharisees from entering the kingdom—love of this world, its wealth and its pleasures—can impede us too, unless we are on our guard. The world with its allurements is very close to us; heaven seems very far away. Thus we must be prepared to do violence to our ordinary inclinations, to go against them whenever and wherever "the things that are Caesar's" tend to blot out or make us forget "the things that are God's."

This implies a daily carrying of the cross, a daily struggle against our evil inclinations, a daily endeavour to acquire true love of God and neighbour. This may sound superhuman, but Christ did not ask anyone to do the impossible. He led the way, and millions have followed him to eternal glory. He has called us too and has placed within our easy reach in his Church all the grace we need. If we fail to use these divine helps, if we are found without the wedding garment, we will have no one to blame but ourselves. We have been called with the many. We can be among the "chosen."

Today's Reading: Isa 25:6-10; Ps22; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

Responsorial Psalm: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

Next Sunday: Isa 45:1, 4-6; Ps95; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

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:

CAFOD Family Fast day collection is this weekend. Please give generously and use the donation envelope to gift aid your offering if you are a UK tax payer.

Fr Emmanuel’s Silver Jubilee: As you know, Fr Emmanuel has travelled to Nigeria to celebrate his Silver Jubilee (25 years as a priest). The official celebration will be at 10am on Saturday 17th October in Abuja, and he will then celebrate a thanksgiving Mass in his home parish on 25th October before travelling back to Oxford on November 7th. **If you would like to contribute to a parish collection for his expenses on the trip there will be a collection next weekend.**

The second collection for **APF World Mission Sunday** will be held on the following weekend.

CTMN meeting: Thursday October 15th 11am - 2pm. United Reform Church, Marston Rd. Guest speaker Alison Chapman. All are welcome.

Winter coat collection: Many thanks to all who contributed coats for the homeless. Now that the weather has turned colder they will be much appreciated.

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.

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.

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	£245.09
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£398.50
Online giving via website	£10.00
Total	£663.59
Votive candles	£35.08

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Date	Day	Time	Intention
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
Monday 12th Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Samantha McNamara Intentions
Tuesday 13th Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Derek Caldwell Carol Taylor Intentions
Wed 14th Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary	9.00am	Shane McKinney Intentions
		1.00pm	JR Chapel (Sheila Gillespie Intentions)
Thursday 15th Oct	St Teresa of Jesus Virgin, Doctor of the Church	9.00am	Danny Prendergast RIP Winnie and Mike Fallon RIP
Friday 16th Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Catherine Craig RIP
Saturday 17th Oct	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr	9.00am	Private Intentions
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 18th Oct	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	For Pope Leo
		10.00am	Mark Button 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.