

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](https://www.facebook.com/StanthonyofPaduaOxford)

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...

Saturday 21st November 11am: Mass at SAOP for all Health Workers and carers. The choir of St Joseph’s School will be singing for us. All welcome.

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

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Paul Moore	Nevin Vuddamalay
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Veronica Robbins	Hilary Lappage
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Audrey Ayomoh, Geoff O'Donoghue	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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18th October 2026

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



God's plan for man on earth was that he should live in the society of his fellowmen. Society must be governed, there must be authority which will direct the actions of the component members toward the common good, which common good is principally, though not exclusively, the material welfare of the members as a whole. As his ultimate end, however, man has his spiritual welfare. This government, this temporal power to rule and direct the human groups or societies or states, comes, therefore, from God for it is his will that such societies should exist. The state authorities have a right to the obedience and cooperation in all things that tend to the material welfare of the state, provided always the spiritual welfare of the members is not impeded by the rulers' demands.

As a partly spiritual being man is destined to be a citizen of a spiritual eternal kingdom, and while on this earth he has the duty and the possibility of preparing himself for citizenship in that kingdom. And since this kingdom is of a higher and much more important nature, man's primary aim in life must be to reach that kingdom.

This dual citizenship of man and the dual obligations that arise from it are the common knowledge of all from the natural law but are made more explicit still in divine revelation of which today's answer, given by Christ to the Pharisees, is a precise and perfect resume. We have duties to God and duties to our country and the fulfilment of the latter is part of the fulfilment of the former. We Christians have no doubts as to our obligations under these two headings. We fulfil our duties to God by being faithful, loyal, active members of the spiritual kingdom, the Church, which Christ established on earth in order to lead us to our eternal kingdom. We fulfil our duties to our country by loyally obeying the just laws of the State, by paying all lawful taxes, and by contributing our share, whenever called on, toward the common good.

Both St. Peter and St. Paul stressed the obligation on the early Christians of being an example to all in their loyalty as citizens of the state. We who know the divine, positive and natural law so much better than many others, must help to enlighten those others by our faithful observance of these laws. And our loyalty, too, will give the lie to those enemies of the faith who, in their ignorance and foolish opposition to things spiritual, are only too ready to think that loyalty to our Church and our God must of necessity make us disloyal to our country. History already has given the lie to such calumnies, for the loyal Christian has ever been the loyal citizen.

Today's Reading: Isa 45:1, 4-6; Ps95; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

Responsorial Psalm: Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.

Next Sunday: Exod 22:20-26; Ps17; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

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

No Thursday 9:00 am Mass this week, but Friday Mass as normal.

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 this weekend.**

CAFOD Family Fast day collection raised £512.93. Chris Chukwu and the Parish CAFOD team thank everyone for their generosity and are providing snacks with after Mass tea and coffee in gratitude.

Second collection next weekend: APF World Mission Sunday.

Car park charges: The tablet at the back of church has not been working since 22nd September and Smart Parking is well aware of this. No fines should have been issued. After this date. **If you have received a fine please notify the parish office by putting the fine document through the letter box.**

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.

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	£218.99
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£298.00
Online giving via website	£60.00
Total	£586.99
Votive candles	£82.51

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Second collection (CAFOD): £512.93

Date	Day	Time	Intention
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
Monday 19th Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Memoriam Mass Jose Ano Monserrat Nuique
Tuesday 20th Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Danny Prendergast RIP Catherine Craig RIP
Wed 21st Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Private Intentions
		1.00pm	JR Chapel (Mark Button RIP)
Thursday 22nd Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
Friday 23rd Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Thanksgiving and good health for the Lawrence family
Saturday 24th Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Repose Soul of Angelica Francisco
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Martin O'Connor RIP
Sunday 25th Oct	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	In memoriam Chief J U Igweh and all departed of the Igweh family
		10.00am	People of the Parish

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.