

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	Nevin Vuddamalay	Diya Thomas
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Hilary Lappage	Veronica Robbins
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Ewa Posner, Caroline Griffiths	Mercy Christopher, May Macpherson
Eucharistic ministers (10am)	Mary, Jane	Ewa, Eugene, Jane

for the gift-aid form or bank standing order form. Forms are available at the back of the Church.

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



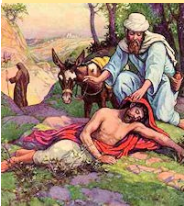
Presbytery and office: 01865 762964 | Parish priest: 07484 271876 |
Email: stanthonyop.oxford@rcaob.org.uk

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

25th October 2026

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



The Pharisees may not have had evil intentions when asking Christ the question as to the greatest commandment. But they have done us a good service by getting this crystal clear answer from him. In this answer he tells us that the man who loves God and neighbour fulfils all his obligations, and carries out all the duties that God's self-revelation in "the law and the prophets" imposes on him. God revealed himself to us in the Old Testament as our Creator and divine benefactor. He had no need of us, since he is infinitely perfect in himself, but out of his infinite goodness he wished to share his eternal kingdom of happiness with mankind and so he created us. That we should love such a benefactor and be grateful to him is not asking much of us; such love should surely be the spontaneous reaction of a rational being, and yet there were and there are many who fail to acknowledge any such obligation.

No Christian, worthy of the name, can ever be among such thoughtless and thankless people. We have greater proofs of God's love for us than "the law and the prophets" gave to the Israelites. We have the added proofs of God's infinite interest in us brought to us by the Incarnation. We have been raised to the sublime status of adopted sons of God.

Where Christians can, and too often do fail, is in their true love of neighbour. Yet Christ says that this commandment is like the first. Love of neighbour is an essential part of our obligations toward God. If we fail in this we fail in our love for God, for we refuse to carry out this sacred duty. If we do not recognize our neighbour as our brother, we do not recognize God as our Father and we do not love him.

Let each one of us ask himself today how seriously he takes this law of fraternal charity and how faithfully he carries it out. Not all of us may be able to give material help to a neighbour in need but the poorest of us can spare a kindly word, an encouraging word, for a neighbour weighed down with cares and troubles. All of us can pray for a neighbour who needs spiritual and temporal help. Most of us can deny ourselves some unnecessary luxuries in order to give a needed loaf of bread to a hungry fellowman, while those who have an abundance of this world's goods need not look far afield to find cases and causes worthy of their Christian charity.

Remember that whatever spiritual or material help is given out of true charity to a neighbour in need, is given to God, and whatever is given to God is soundly invested in heaven, and heaven pays handsome dividends.

Today's Reading: Exod 22:20-26; Ps17; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

Responsorial Psalm: I love you Lord, my strength.

Next Sunday: Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps23; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

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 this weekend: APF World Mission Sunday.

Blessings of Graves		
Wolvercote Cemetery	Monday 2nd November, 11am	Service in Chapel
Rosehill Cemetery	Sunday 8th November, 3pm	Service in Chapel
Headington Cemetery	TBC	TBC

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.

EI Shaddai DWXI-PPFI Fellowship Charismatic Prayer Group. Every Saturday from 1.30pm to 4pm in church.

Bingo Night in aid of CHF-Oxford Fellowship Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund, Wednesday 18th November 2026. Doors open 7pm. Eyes Down 8pm. Raffle at £1 per strip. See noticeboard for more information.

Saturday 21st November, 12pm. Mass at SAOP for all Health Workers and carers. The choir of St Joseph's School will be singing for us. All welcome. Morning mass will be at 8.30am.

Advent Families Day, Saturday 21st November 10.30am - 4pm at the Don Bosco Centre at Cowley (OX4 2ND), organised by the Lay Community of St Benedict. Join in for crafts, prayers and fun. For further information, speak with Geoff O'Donoghue or contact Helen Nolan at families@lcsb.uk.

University of Oxford - St John Henry Newman celebratory public event on Thursday, 19 November 3-5pm.
To celebrate St John Henry Newman being declared a Doctor of the Church, the University of Oxford is putting on a public event at the new Stephen A Schwarzman Centre for the Humanities. To book, please click on the link below:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=G96VzPWXk0-0uv5ouFLPkWL-uu2fAoVGodcqmlGiJMtUQjFXUFFKUKVOQUgyRVZZTIVYUzhBUUhDNIQIQCNjPTEkJUAjd1n>

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	£208.28
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£228.00
Online giving via website	£5.00
Total	£451.28
Votive candles	£63.15

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Second collection (Fr Emmanuel): £302.47

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 24th Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Aleykutty Louis RIP Repose Soul of Angelica Francisco
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	People of the Parish
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	Mrs Makpemose Enwefah - birthday thanksgiving
Monday 26th Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Annamma Chacko RIP
Tuesday 27th Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Sarah Connors RIP Martin O'Connor RIP
Wed 28th Oct	Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles	9.00am	Bob Edkins RIP
		1.00pm	JR Chapel (Elizabeth Clancy RIP)
Thursday 29th Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Juliao Ximenes RIP Bernie Fox RIP
Friday 30th Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Domingos Xavier De Araujo RIP
Saturday 31st Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Martin O'Connor RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 01st Nov	Solemnity of All Saints	8.30am	Fidelis Byrne and family
		10.00am	Volodymyr Zelensky

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