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

…and for those whose anniversaries occur in November: Patricia Kirwan, Brendan McNally, Mary Murphy, Margaret Denning, Pat Deeley, Edna Santiago, Victorio Tianio, Josephine Doran

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 November. 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.

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:

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Diya Thomas	Catherine Joseph
Sunday Readers: 8:30 am	Veronica Robbins	Georges Yindom
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Mercy Christopher, May Macpherson	Genevive Chidera-Uba, Jane Kennett
Eucharistic ministers (10am)	Eugene, Ewa	Ewa, Eugene, Jane

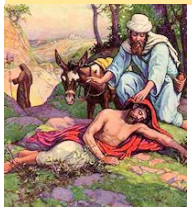
The Archdiocese Commitment to Safeguarding

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.

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1st November 2026
Solemnity of All Saints Year A



Today we celebrate one of the most glorious solemnities within our Church! Every saint, canonized or not, is honored today. Our Gospel passage lays out the path by which these saints entered Heaven. While on earth, these great men and women lived lives that were poor in spirit, filled with a holy mourning, meekness, a hunger and thirst for righteousness, mercy, peace, purity of heart and even persecution. Each one of these Beatitudes concludes by stating the reward that those who lived these qualities obtains: Heaven, comfort, satisfaction, mercy, seeing God, being children of God and rewards beyond what we can imagine in God's Kingdom. The Beatitudes invite us to the heights of holiness. They are not for the faint of heart or for those living a lukewarm spiritual life. These Beatitudes present us with the pinnacle of holy living and challenge us to the core. But every effort put into living these Beatitudes are worth it here on earth and ultimately in Heaven. Let's look briefly at two of these Beatitudes. The second Beatitude states that those "who mourn…will be comforted." This is an interesting Beatitude. Why is it holy to mourn? Simply put, this form of holy mourning means that you not only have a holy sorrow for your own sins but that you have this holy sorrow as you see the many evils within our world. This is crucial today. First, it should be quite obvious that we must have holy sorrow for our own sins. Doing so means your conscience is working. And when your conscience is working, you will be compelled, by this holy sorrow, to acknowledge your offenses against God and work diligently to change. But we must also have a holy sorrow as we see the many evils within our world. Too often today there is a tendency to undermine this Beatitude by presenting universal acceptance of all things as a good. We are told we must not judge, and though that is true when it comes to judging another's heart, a worldly presentation of this secular "virtue" attempts to lead us to downplay the objective nature of sin. Our secular world tempts us to ignore many objective moral truths by which God guides us into all truth. But as Christians, our first approach must be to despise all that our Lord taught was objectively morally evil. And when we do come face-to-face with immoral lifestyles, the appropriate response must be holy sorrow, not acceptance of grave sin. To mourn over another's poor choices is a true act of charity toward them. The fourth Beatitude calls us to "hunger and thirst for righteousness." This means that we not only have a holy sorrow over our sins and the objective evils of our world, but that we also allow ourselves to be filled with a hunger and thirst for truth and holy living. This drive must become a burning motivation within us to do all we can to further the Kingdom of God everywhere. This Beatitude enables us to overcome indifference, inspiring us to bring about change in the face of all opposition. And this drive is fueled by charity and every other accompanying virtue. Reflect, today, upon the beautiful truth that you are called to become a saint. And the surest path to sainthood is the Beatitudes. Read them carefully. Meditate upon them and know that they reveal to you how God is calling you to live. If one of these Beatitudes stands out to you, then spend time focusing upon it. Work to internalize these graces, and God will work wonders in your life, one day making this solemnity within our Church a true celebration of your life well lived

Today's Reading: Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps23; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

Responsorial Psalm: Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord

Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 62; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

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

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

Second collection today for the Johnson Association (retired and infirm clergy).

On Monday we Commemorate All The Faithful Departed. In addition to the normal 9.00am Mass there will be Mass in the JR chapel at 1.00pm and Mass in church at 6.30pm.

24 hour Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament this Friday 6th November, starting after 9.00am Mass.

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.

El 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.

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	£201.55
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£189.00
Online giving via website	£5.00
Total	**£405.55**
Votive candles	£22.21

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 31st Oct	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Bob Edkins RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 1st Nov	Solemnity of All Saints	8.30am	Fidelis Byrne and family
		10.00am	Volodymyr Zelensky
Monday 2nd Nov	The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	9.00am	Elizabeth Clancy RIP
		1.00pm	JR Chapel (John Rock RIP)
		6.30pm	Winnie Marsden RIP
Tuesday 3rd Nov	Feria in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Bernie Fox RIP Martin O'Connor RIP
Wed 4th Nov	St Charles Borromeo	9.00am	Fielis Byrne and family
		1.00pm	JR Chapel (Thanksgiving for Liliana's birthday)
Thursday 5th Nov	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Thanksgiving for Lilian Flores' birthday Thanksgiving for Joseph family
Friday 6th Nov	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Peter Noonan Intentions
Saturday 7th Nov	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Martin O'Connor RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Thanksgiving for Joseph family
Sunday 8th Nov	32nd Sunday in Ordinary time	8.30am	John Rock RIP
		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.