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…

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Agnes Valencak	Paulie Kumi
Sunday Readers: 8:30 am	Veronica Robbins	Hilary Lappage
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Audrey Ayomoh, Geoff O'Donoghue	Ewa Posner, Caroline Griffiths
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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15th November 2026
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



The lesson of this parable in Matthew 25:14-30, like all the teaching of the gospel, is as applicable to us today as it was to the first generation of Christians. In its relation to Christ and to his divine Father our world today is very similar to first century Palestine. Christ and God have opponents and followers. Their opponents today have the very same reasons that moved the Pharisees and leaders of the people in Christ's day. They want their messianic kingdom here on earth, a kingdom of pleasure and plenty; they want no limits set to their freedom to follow their own earthly inclinations. Their pride in their own self-exalted dignity will not let them bow the head to any deity or divine authority which does not conform to their standards. Like the Pharisees they keep on trying to convince themselves that Christianity is not true, that Christ will not reign, that there will be no day of reckoning.

Yet with all their efforts to get rid of Christ and God, the small inner voice of conscience is not completely silenced. It has the nasty habit of reminding them of their folly. They have their troubled moments when the epicurean motto "eat, drink, sleep and be merry" does not somehow ring true.

For the followers of Christ who are sincere in their efforts, the parable has a message of encouragement and consolation. At times the road we have to travel seems strewn with obstacles, our battles seem never-ending, yet God has provided each one of us with the necessary helps to ensure the final victory. These helps are given according to each one's need. Those servants in the parable who received five and two talents used them faithfully and successfully. He who received one talent needed only one, and could have succeeded with it had he been a faithful servant.

Eternal happiness is the divine reward for an earthly service faithfully rendered. The false excuse of the third servant is repeated in many forms among us still *"God is too austere, he could not expect me to make such sacrifices. I have to provide for myself; his promises and threats may be only empty words. He may never return to demand a reckoning, to settle accounts with us.* These and all other such excuses are proved false in this parable.

God is a kind Father who has our eternal interests at heart. He does expect us to make the necessary sacrifices. He showed us the way on Calvary. When working for God we are really providing for our own future; his external glory and our eternal salvation are the fruits of the same labour. He will certainly return to settle accounts—it will then be too late to make any changes. Let us be wise and make the changes now while we have time and then our books will be in order on the day of reckoning.

Today's Reading: Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps127; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Matt 25:14-30

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed are all who fear the Lord.

Next Sunday: Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps22; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46

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:

First Holy Communion: Registration closes soon so please see Eve after the 10:10am Mass on Sunday or get the form from the website.

The Oxford Oratory is seeking a capable and adaptable Operations Administrator to take responsibility for a wide range of practical and administrative work across the Oratory. See oxfordoratory.org.uk/jobs for full information.

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.

Annual General Meeting, Sunday 22nd November after 10am mass. Please join us in the church hall for a moderated parish discussion to share concerns or topics we should look at together. The meeting will be limited to one hour.

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.

Churches Together in Marston and Northway, Third Thursdays Together. Next session on 19th November from 11am. Please see noticeboard or our website 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.

Month of the Holy Souls: there are envelopes available at the back of church for mass offering for the faithful departed. Holy mass will be offered for them during the month of November.

Candlelight Service, Friday 27th November, from 6pm at St Anthony of Padua. Everyone is invited to light a candle for private prayers or repose of the souls of the faithful departed.

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-uu2fAoVGodcqmIGiJMtUQjFXUFFKUkVOQUgyRVZZTlVYUzhBUUhDNiQlQCNjPTEkJUAjdD1n

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.

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	£279.97
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£237.00
Online giving via website	£25.00
Total	**£551.97**
Votive candles	£71.23

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 14th Nov	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Joyce Grant RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Remembrance mass for all faithful departed from the Tomson family
Sunday 15th Nov	33rd Sunday in Ordinary time	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Andy Burnham
Monday 16th Nov	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	John Batey RIP
Tuesday 17th Nov	St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious	6.30pm	Louis Varkey RIP Angela McConnell RIP
Wed 18th Nov	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Maureen O'Donovan RIP
		1.00pm	JR Chapel (John Carron RIP)
Thursday 19th Nov	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Ken Jackson RIP Keith Hutchinson RIP
Friday 20th Nov	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Brendan McNally RIP
Saturday 21st Nov	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	**8.30am**	Johnny Wallace RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Paddy Brady RIP
Sunday 22nd Nov	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Cath Burns Intentions

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.