

Please pray for those who have recently died: Chris Byrne and Shaun McCarthy

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in October: Breda Dwyer, Lee Hagan, John O'Sullivan, Margaret Bagley, Pat Deeley

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 2022/23.

Online prayer & faith resources. A range of resources is given on our parish website stanthonyofpadua.org.uk/resources/.

Keeping in touch. We send a 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/stanthonyofpadua)

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: Fr John Baggley, Elizabeth Johnson, Frank and Helen Kennedy, Margaret Wipp, Maureen O'Sullivan, Lorraine McNally, Peter Donnelly, Lilian Flores, Doreen Busby, Glenys Jones, Nuala Lula McNally

Dates for your diary...

Mass for the deceased, Saturday 23rd November, 11am. A mass dedicated to all who have lost loved ones in the past year.

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Agnes Valencak	Jane Kennett
Sunday Readers: 8:30 am	Hilary Lappage	Rajesh Paul
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Ewa Posner, Edmund Henry	Geoff O'Donoghue, Linda Uzoma
Eucharistic ministers (10am)	Mary, Derek, Jane	Ewa, John, Eugene

The Archdiocese Commitment to Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is May Macpherson. She can be contacted at sg.stanthonyop.oxford@rcaob.org.uk. The Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

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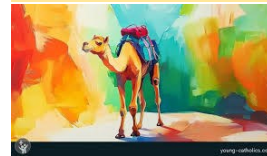
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13th October 2024

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B



On this twenty-eight Sunday of ordinary time, we celebrate Christ the Wisdom and Word of God. Even if we have nothing in this world, Christ is sufficient and all things for us. We are rich in him because he is alive and active in our hearts.

Our first reading today personalises Wisdom. She is the most precious of all pearls. She is God himself. All good things come from, and must return to Him. Nothing can be compared with Her. Nothing has value without Her. Whoever possesses her has everything. All created things only partake in the beauty and splendour of God. Hence, we must seek wisdom more than material wealth. This is because, to possess her, is to possess the most precious of all wealth.

In our second reading, the letter to the Hebrews describes the word of God as: *"a double-aged sword that cuts across the bones."* Through this, it simply reminds us that the word of God is the ultimate and irresistible power through which God reaches and enriches us. The word of God conquers and transforms every heart that humbly receives it. So, as the fullness of wisdom, God's Word "incarnated the scriptures", is powerful. Hence, when God prints his word in our hearts through the power of his spirit, it powerfully convinces, converts, transforms and comforts us. God's Word humbles a proud heart. It makes a perverse spirit to be meek and humble.

The rich man in today's gospel came to justify himself, and to parade his religious piety. Indeed, Jesus appreciated his effort. However, Christ knew that something was really lacking in him. Christ diagnosed him of only problem, *attachment* to his wealth. This was his "Achilles heel". According to his testimony, it seemed to him that he had done *"all things well."* Unfortunately, his weak spot was an untouchable area. He walked away sad without dropping it before Christ. He did all things well but lacked the wisdom to understand that the key to eternal life was detachment from this world. There are important lessons to learn from today's readings.

First, we might have a weak spot unknown to us. Only the wisdom of God can help us illuminate this. Second, at times, it seems to us that we have done *"all things well."* Unfortunately, pride and love of this world make it difficult for us to see the true reality of our lives.

Third, we must not allow material wealth to become an obstacle between us and eternal life. Today, Christ teaches us that attachment to wealth is the easiest way to forsake God. This is because, attachment to wealth and this world, over burdens and alienates one's soul. It makes our spiritual journey very heavy, difficult, and almost impossible. In order to be truly wise in our dealings with the wealth of this world, we must seek the wisdom and understanding that comes from God.

Today's Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11; Ps89; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30

Responsorial Psalm: Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

Next Sunday: Isaiah 53:10-11; Ps32; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

Morning Prayers

Mon-Fri 8.40am

Mass Times:

Mon—Fri 9.00am.

Sat: 9am; Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday: 8.30am; 10am

Adoration & Confession

Saturday 5.30—6.15p.m.

NOTICES:

Second collection: There will be a second collection next week for World Mission Sunday.

Assisted Suicide 101 - The tools you need to talk with compassion and confidence

Tuesday 15th October | 8-9.30pm | St Gregory & Augustine church hall, Woodstock Rd, OX2 7NS | Parking available — Ahead of a vote in Parliament on legalising assisted suicide, Oxford Pro-Life is hosting an information evening to help equip you to voice your opposition to the bill. Come along for: training on arguments against assisted suicide, Q&A, a chance to practice thorny conversations, light refreshments. More info: <https://prolifecommunityoxford.org.uk/as101>

Parish Mass attendance: Once a year we are asked by the archdiocese to count the number of people attending the weekend Masses for their records. This is the final weekend.

Roof replacement notice - Whilst scaffolding is in place the garden is out of bounds to children after the Sunday 10:00 Mass.

Car park changes: The ANPR camera, signage and in-church tablet have been installed. The implications for car park users is summarised on a handout available at the back of church, on the notice board and on the website.

THIS SYSTEM WILL GO LIVE ON MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER.

First Holy Communion - For all parents or guardians of children 7 years or older who wish their children to be prepared for First Holy Communion, please complete the application form on the website and hand in with the child's baptism certificate to the office. Hard copies are also available at the back of church. The application must be received by October 20th and classes will begin in early November.

Curry night tickets to raise funds for the church roof will be on sale after all masses this weekend. It will be held at 730pm on **Saturday 26th October after the Vigil Mass**. Tickets are £15 for adults and £10 for children aged 10 and younger. Please support this event, which is kindly being organized by John Denning and the Syro-Malabar community.

International Cultures Evening Celebration, Saturday October 12th at 7pm. Blessed Dominic Barberi Catholic Church at Cowley Road, Littlemore OX4 4JX. Food sharing and tasting - please contact Roger Kassi 07765 457998 or rgkassi@yahoo.co.uk for more information.

The **Association for Latin Liturgy** autumn open meeting will take place at Blackfriars, St Giles', Oxford, on Saturday 26th October. Solemn Mass at 11.00 (in the ordinary form); talk by Richard Conrad, OP, on "The Trinitarian dynamic of the Eucharistic Sacrifice" at 2.00. A buffet lunch is available, if booked in advance at <https://latin-liturgy.org/meetings> where more details can be found.

Parish appeal 2024

The quinquennial diocesan review three years ago detected significant problems with the flat roof at the back and front of church. The estimate for repairing this is £64,000. The presbytery carpet has been replaced at a reduced cost of £2,162.15. we have been given a grant of £10,000 from the Oxford historic Churches Trust, but we need to raise a significant amount if we are to avoid a large overdraft.

Please can all parishioners consider how they can help reduce this debt to the parish:

- The **card reader** at the back of church (there is a dedicated Parish Appeal page).

- The **parish website** (there is a parish appeal button to click on).

- Via direct **bank transfer**.

Bank details:

RCAOB St Anthony of Padua. Sort code 60-10-28.

Account number 66574919. Ref: Building.

- Or directly to Fr Emmanuel.

As of 09th Oct	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£0	£30
Total	£2,070	£4,221

May God sees all that is done in secret reward you abundantly.

Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose Collection	£221.89
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£145.00
Online giving via website	£100.00
Total	£476.89
Votive candles	£62.50

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Second collection (CAFOD): £437.61

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 12th October	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Donor's intention
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Donor's intention
Sunday 13th October	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	For Vincent Goh Get Well Soon
Monday 14th October	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Donor's intention
Tuesday 15th October	Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church	9:00am	Donor's intention
Wed 16th October	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Louis Varkey RIP
		1.00pm	John Radcliffe Chapel
Thursday 17th October	Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr	9:00am	Donor's intention
Friday 18th October	Feast of St Luke, Evangelist	9:00am	Donor's intention
Saturday 19th October	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Donor's intention
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	John Doherty RIP
Sunday 20th October	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Donor's intention
		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.