

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

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

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 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 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/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...

Advent Adventure for Men: In Pursuit of Virtue. This Advent, do you want to experience an increase in hope, peace, joy, and charity as you prepare for Christ's coming? Join an enjoyable 4-week, in-person fraternity for Catholic men in Oxford that combines personalised instruction and guidance in the pursuit of ancient virtues with modern habit-building coaching that works. Make life-long friends, enjoy home-cooked dinners, and the satisfaction of making small changes with big results. Only 4 spots available. Starts Tues Nov 19th - visit inpursuitofvirtue.com or contact Ed on 07897194483.

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Agnes Valencak	Jane Kennett
<u>Sunday Readers:</u> 8:30 am	Hilary Lappage	Rajesh Paul
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Caroline Griffiths, Philip Mountford	Monica Agyapong, Michael Onobhayedo
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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10th November 2024

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B



In our reflection for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, we focus on the lesson of living by the obedience of faith, which shows itself through charity and self-giving. It highlights the stories of two widows: one in the First Reading who gives her last bit of food to Elijah and the other in the Gospel who donates her last coins to the Temple. Both widows embody the love and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to imitate. It is important to emphasise that we

will be judged by the spirit of generosity and love behind our giving, not the amount we give.

The question you and I face is this: "Do we give God what's left over after we've taken care of everything else?" Or do we give God what we're living for? We have much, and we can give God much. We can give God our trust, our reliance upon Him, our dependence upon Him. Take our daily efforts, for instance. Are they to accomplish our purposes or God's purposes? They can be the same, you know. We can make our purposes God's purposes, and we can make God's purposes our purposes. Caring for the ones you love, caring for your wife, your husband, and your children is giving your life to God. Providing for the happiness of others is giving your life to God. Working for peace, working for justice and fairness in our world, and many other efforts is, in fact, giving your life over into God's care.

Let's be clear about it. God isn't interested in your money. He has all of the riches He will ever need. No, God wants more than your money. God wants YOU. He wants your daily life. He wants to be what you depend on each day. He wants to be what you live on.

Our giving to God is only giving Him back what's already His in the first place. But our giving God our hearts? Ah, that's quite something else! The gift of your heart is what He's looking for. It's our gift to Him each time we're at Mass. And when we gift Him with our love, when we give Him our hearts and our lives, our interests and desires, what He will give back to us cannot be measured.

What requirements, what guarantees, do we expect from God when it comes to generously giving our love to Him? Can we have hearts and souls as trusting, as full of faith, and as generous in loving God as these women whose stories you have just heard?

Today's Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Ps 145; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

Responsorial Psalm: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Next Sunday: Daniel 12:1-3; Ps15; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32

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:

Whilst Fr Emmanuel is on holiday there will be NO 9am MASS on MONDAYS.

Requiem for Chris Byrne: Chris' body will be received into the church on Monday 11th November at 6:30pm, with the requiem on Tuesday 12th at 11:00 am.

There will be no 9am mass on Tuesday 12th November.

Book of remembrance will be on the altar throughout the month of November. Please add any names directly to the book or via the envelopes at the back of church.

Churches Together in Marston and Northway, 3rd Thursday Fellowship 21st Nov. Please see noticeboard for more info.

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.

Sycamore - all welcome! Four informal cafe style discussions, Thursday evenings exploring aspects of the Catholic Faith (7,14,28 Nov & 5 Dec) in Corpus Christi parish hall, Margaret Road, Headington, OX3 8AJ). Refreshments from 7.15, start at 7.30pm. No need to sign up, just drop in on the night.

Handicapped Fellowship Bingo Night: November 13th. Raffle tickets on sale this weekend after Masses.

CAFOD World Gifts for Christmas

This Christmas, buying CAFOD's virtual World Gifts makes a real difference for our sisters and brothers facing the injustice of poverty around the world. Choose from a range of beautifully illustrated cards. Cards can be sent by post, as an eCard, or printed at home. Purchase World Gifts and other gifts such as Advent calendars and jute bags at worldgifts.cafod.org.uk or pick up a catalogue in church.

SAOP Christmas Social Sunday 8th December (following 10:00am Mass).

- Food: Filipino food , African food, Crepes, Mulled wine and mince pies.
- Raffle for Luxury Xmas Hamper (donations needed - please see "post-its" at the back of church)
- Cake stall - but volunteers to bring cakes needed!

Roof replacement notice - Whilst scaffolding is in place the garden is out of bounds to children.

Confirmation 2025: This year's application form is available at the back of church. If your child is Yr 6 or above and wants to receive this sacrament, please complete the form and return to the parish office with a copy of their baptismal certificate, by the 1st December.

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

Thursday 14th November | 8-9.30pm | St Anthony of Padua's, OX3 7SS | 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 appeal 2024

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

- The **card reader, parish website, or direct bank transfer.**

Bank details:

RCAOB St Anthony of Padua. Sort code 60-10-28. Account number 66574919. Ref: Building.

As of 06th Nov	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£0	£1,300
Total	£2,170	£5,696

Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose Collection	£217.43
Gift Aid Envelopes	£25.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£230.00
Online giving via website	£100.00
Total	£572.43
Votive candles	£70.74

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Second collection (Johnson Association): £122.36

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 9th November	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	9:00am	Donors' Intentions
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Thanksgiving mass for sister who passed her exams
Sunday 10th November	Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Donors Intentions
		10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 11th November	Memorial of St Martin of Tours, Bishop	9:00am	NO MASS
Tuesday 12th November	Memorial of St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr	11:00am	Donors Intentions
Wed 13th November	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Donors Intentions
		1.00pm	John Radcliffe Chapel
Thursday 14th November	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Donors Intentions
Friday 15th November	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Caraciol Dias Birthday Mass
Saturday 16th November	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Donors Intentions
		6.30pm	Mass for the Soul of High Chief John Okwuma Isama RIP 17.07.2024
Sunday 17th November	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Donors Intentions
		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.