

Please pray for those who have recently died: Chris Byrne, Shaun McCarthy and Josephine Doran.

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in December: Desmond Donovan, Michael Ong, Michael Bishop, Hugh Roberts, Jim Roberts, Ann Holden, Eileen Robertson, Josefino Salazar, Lolito Santiago

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 January. 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...

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Christmas rota	Nevin Vuddamalay
Sunday Readers: 8:30 am	Christmas rota	Georges Yindom
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Christmas rota	Ewa Posner, John Barker
Eucharistic ministers (10am)	Christmas rota	Mary, Derek, 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. 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.

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 Ogunnaike, MSP: fr.emmanuel.ogunnaike@rcaob.org.uk
Assistant Priest: Fr Anthony Bassey, MSP: fr.tony.bassey@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

29th December 2024

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year C



The Church has appointed this Sunday within the octave of Christmas as the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth. No family can ever hope to be as perfect as this one was, but every family must strive to imitate it if only from afar.

In Joseph, the father of the family has his model. He could not always give them all he would wish for them but he did what he could gladly and humbly. Fathers, many (if not most) of you, too, are living a life of obscurity — a daily struggle to provide bread for your family. If you carry out faithfully the task God has given you, if you provide for and protect the wife and family God has committed to your care you will make the headlines in the world to come, your names will be written in the Book of Life.

Mothers of families, in Mary you have the perfect example you should strive to follow. She was a dutiful, faithful wife and an ideal and loving mother. How often she must have regretted that her beloved spouse had to struggle so hard to earn their meagre, daily bread. How great must have been her grief that she could not give her beloved Child more comfort in his infancy and youth. You too have your days of anxiety and your years perhaps of worry — worries which will not end till you draw your last breath. But think of your Model, turn to Mary for courage and for help.

Children: your duty in the family is to love, honour and obey your parents. And your model is none other than Jesus of Nazareth who, though he was God, made himself subject to Joseph and Mary. He who was God, has set you an example which you must follow. Your obedience will never be as perfect as his but it can and should be as perfect as you can make it. Be a comfort and a consolation to your parents. Remember always what they have done for you in your infancy when you could not help yourself. Remember what they have done and are still doing for you in order to fit you to take your place in this life and in the next.

Show your thankfulness and appreciation by doing what they tell you. You may not see the reason for all their restrictions and all their commands but it is because they have your welfare at heart and because they truly love you that such commands and restrictions are placed on you. It is only later on in life that you will fully understand the true love they had for you and the great sacrifices they made for you so that you would be worthy of them and worthy of your heavenly father who gave you to them. Show your appreciation now while you have them.

Today's Reading: Eccl. 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps127; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52 or

1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 83; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52

Responsorial Psalm: O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

Next Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ps71; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

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:

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. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CHURCH CANNOT TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY FINES ISSUED UNLESS THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH THE TABLETS, IN WHICH CASE PLEASE NOTIFY THE PARISH OFFICE IMMEDIATELY (by phone or email).**

Xmas Social: Final amount raised £1688.60. **THANK YOU EVERYONE!**

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

Walk with Me: Booklets and Children's calendar at back of church. Please put £1 in the CTS box in the wall.

The Jubilee year starts at the beginning of Advent. A companion booklet explaining the Jubilee from the point of view of scripture. £1.50. Money in CTS box please.

Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule 2024

Monday, 23rd Dec	9.00am 9.30am - 10.30am	Mass Confession
Tuesday, 24th Dec	9.00am 9.30 - 10.30am 7.00pm 10.30pm 11.00pm	Mass Confession Evening mass for Children & Elderly Christmas Carols Midnight Mass
Wed, 25th Dec	8.30am 10.00am	Christmas Mass Christmas Mass
Thursday, 26th Dec	9.00am	Morning Mass
Tuesday, 31st Dec	9.00am 10.30pm	Holy Family Mass New Year's Eve Mass
Wednesday, 1st Jan	9.00am	New Year's Day Mass

Parish appeal 2024

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

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

As of 27th Dec	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£0	£0
Total	£2,240	£5,696

Father Emmanuel, Father Tony, and everyone at the Parish Office would like to wish all parishioners a blessed New Year, and may it be filled with peace, prosperity and love.

Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose Collection	£307.50
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£182.00
Online giving via website	£0.00
Total	£499.50
Votive candles	£60.52

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 28th December	Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs	9:00am	Margaret Kelly RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 29th December	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	8.30am	Annamma Chacko RIP
		10.00am	Vi Maceda - God's blessings on her birthday
Monday 30th December	Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas	9:00am	Michael Ong RIP (Anniversary)
Tuesday 31st December	Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	9:00am	John Gorevan RIP
		10.30pm	David Egan RIP
Wed 01st January	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	9.00am	Michael Murphy RIP
		1.00pm	John Radcliffe Chapel
Thursday 02nd January	Memorial of St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church	9:00am	Lynne & Pat Ebenezer Intentions
Friday 03rd January	Christmas Feria	9:00am	Patrick Snowe RIP
Saturday 04th January	Christmas Feria	9:00am	Mary Tellackey RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Pat Ralph RIP
Sunday 05th January	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	8.30am	Sony & Josephine Nash 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.