

Please pray for those who have recently died: Glenys Jones

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in January: Julie Bevan, Mary McNally, Mary Lillis, Bernie Gavin, Dennis Chiles, Sally Roberts, Madeline Carvell, Fr Anthony de Vere, Thomas Denning

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 February. There is no need to do so if their names were on the list in 2023/2024.

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, Nuala Lula McNally

Dates for your diary...

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Agnes Valencak	Jane Kennett
Sunday Readers: 8:30 am	Hilary Lappage	Rajesh Paul
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Aodora Chukwu, Tony Coates	May Macpherson, Patricia Iyiegbu
Eucharistic ministers (10am)	Mary, 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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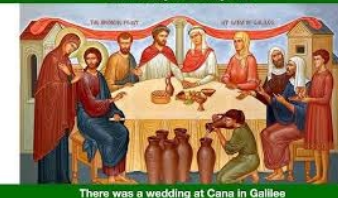
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19th January 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C



This Sunday the Gospel recounts the miracle of Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee. The miracle took place at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. It was a clear manifestation of the power of the Lord in the context of a fairly ordinary event, that is, a wedding celebration. As in the days of Jesus, so today, weddings and parties afterwards are part of daily life and culture. The uniting of man and woman in holy matrimony, then as today, is a celebration and a blessing to society and families.

We are told that Mary expressed some dismay or at least embarrassment at the predicament of the host in running out of wine. It would take some effort, time and money to get more wine, and that was simply not likely to happen while the party was actually going on.

The mother of Jesus clearly has a plan. According to custom, Mary was likely there not simply as a guest, but together with other women, helping with the reception meal and all its details. Mary seems to know right away that the wine was running out and quickly got the attendants to listen to Jesus and carry out what he might ask. Appealing to her Son's resourcefulness to ease an uncomfortable and potentially disastrous situation, Mary is a quintessential mother!

How the miracle of water becoming wine precisely happened we are not told, but it must have occurred between the time of the stone jars being filled to the brim with water and Jesus telling the server to "draw some out and take it to the waiter in charge." In other words, the miracle took place in silence.

The changing of water into wine at Cana's wedding feast is called "the first of Jesus' signs." The purpose of the signs recounted in the Gospel of Saint John is to demonstrate the mission of Jesus and to strengthen the believer's faith on the road to eternal life. At the sight of the signs performed by Jesus, we are told that people came to believe in him and continue to believe to the present as well. The call, though, is to be more than "impressed" or "amazed," by Jesus, but to experience firsthand the glory and majesty of the only-begotten Son, the Redeemer of the human race, and to follow in his footsteps until our final breath.

The miracle of the Wedding Feast at Cana, the first sign performed by Jesus, and now one of the "Luminous Mysteries" of the Rosary. It is also part of the gradual revelation of the divine glory of Jesus as the Son of God, who works with and in the Heavenly Father, in whom and through whom the Father accomplishes the salvation of the human race.

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.

Today's Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5; Ps 95; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Next Sunday: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10; Ps18; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

NOTICES:

HEATING IN CHURCH WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR THE TIME BEING after a recent gas survey. We apologise for any inconvenience.

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).**

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.

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 17th Jan	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£0	£0
Total	£2,290	£5,696

Last week's offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose Collection	£455.75
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£85.00
Online giving via website	£110.00
Total	£660.75
Votive candles	£72.81

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 18th January	Feria of Ordinary Time	9:00am	Birthday thanksgiving mass Charlie Lee
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Glenys Jones RIP
Sunday 19th January	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	In memory of James Docherty and prayers for his family
Monday 20th January	Feria of Ordinary Time	9:00am	Tommy Scally & Pat Leonard RIP
Tuesday 21st January	Memorial of St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr	9.00am	Thanksgiving and welfare of the family
Wed 22nd January	Feria of Ordinary Time	9.00am	Reo & Beryl Muir RIP
		1.00pm	John Radcliffe Chapel
Thursday 23rd January	Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Madeline Carvell RIP (2nd Anniversary)
Friday 24th January	Memorial of St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9:00am	Bernie Gavin & Mary Lilius RIP (4th Anniversary)
Saturday 25th January	Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle	9:00am	Patrick & Seamus Duffy RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	Thomas Denning RIP (2nd Anniversary)
Sunday 26th January	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Martin Kinnally 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.