

Please pray for those who have recently died: Gwen Evans

...and for those whose anniversaries occur in March: Fr John McNally, Elland Holland, Alf Hill, Mary Garnham, Peter Cassidy, Hugh O'Hara, Walter Garnham, Samuel Garnham, Teodora Balatbat

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/StanthonyofPaduaOxford)

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...

Catholic Men: Looking for Faith, Friendship, and Fun? The Catenians could be your perfect match! They're an international network of Catholic men who meet regularly to support each other, strengthen faith, and most importantly - have a great time together. Visit their website: <https://www.thamesvalleycatenians.org.uk/>

	This weekend	Next weekend
Vigil readers	Paul Moore	Nevin Vuddamalay
Sunday Readers: 8:30 am	Hilary Lappage	Rajesh Paul
Sunday Readers: 10:00 am	Caroline Griffiths, Philip Mountford	Monica Agyapong, Michael Onobhayedo
Eucharistic ministers (10am)	Ewa, John, Eugene	Mary, 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.

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09th March 2025

1st Sunday of Lent Year C



In the Gospel passage this Sunday, we heard that famous moment when the same Lord Jesus Christ, was tempted by the Devil in the desert for the forty days period after His baptism at the Jordan. This baptism was the mark of the beginning of the Lord's ministry, for the sake of our salvation. But in order to do that, He Who also share in our humanity, and born into this world, also has to subject Himself to the same temptations that the Devil has brought upon our ancestors, by which he had led countless souls into the path of sin and damnation. Why is that so? That is because, by uniting Himself to our humanity, and by embracing our human nature, Christ our Lord showed us all that it is possible for us to defeat sin and reject the temptations to sin, by obeying God perfectly and wholeheartedly in our lives.

The first temptation was the temptation of hunger and food, for the Lord was very hungry after having fasted in the desert for forty days. Essentially this is a reminder for all of us not to give in to the temptations of our flesh, our desires for things of this world, be it for food and other luxuries around us, or for the other goods and pleasurable things in this life.

It is also an important reminder that we should not orientate our lives around the material things in this world, which is what the second temptation that the Lord was given by the Devil, who brought Him up a very tall mountain, showing Him all the glory and riches of the world, all the kingdoms and the glory of all those things. The Lord rebuked the Devil saying that the Lord God alone is worthy of worship, and nothing or no one else do.

Lastly, the third and final temptation that the Lord Jesus faced from the Devil is the greatest temptation of all, that is pride. But the Lord rebuked Satan again, telling him that no one should test the Lord, and He refused to be tempted by pride.

Therefore, brothers and sisters in Christ, after we have heard all these words from the Sacred Scriptures, and hopefully after carefully discerning together our path in life, we may come to realisation that sin and the temptations to sin are serious obstacles preventing us from coming back to God, our loving Father and Creator. Each and every one of us should make good use of the time and opportunities which the Lord Himself has provided to us so that by our sincere efforts in seeking Him and His forgiveness, God may be kind to show us His love, His compassion and mercy, allowing us to be fully and truly reconciled and reunited with Him.

Today's Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Ps 90; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4_1-13

Responsorial Psalm: Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

Next Sunday: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps26; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36

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 this weekend for CAFOD (Family Fast day).
There will be a second collection next weekend for the National Shrine of Our Lady.

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday during Lent after the 9.am Mass and at 7pm.

Walk With Me booklets and Children’s Jubilee Calendars for Lent available at the back of church. Please put the money in the CTS box.

BIG LENT WALK. A group from the parish CAFOD supporter group are planning to walk 250km during Lent and are hoping to raise £1000. Please support them with your prayers and, if possible, with your sponsorship!
Details of ways in which you can do so are on the CAFOD noticeboard in the porch but the simplest way is via Just Giving (on the Just Giving website search: SAOP Oxford The CAFOD 3).

Lenten discussion groups:

1 Churches Together in Marston and Northway, Ecumenical discussion groups for Lent based on the hymn “There is a green hill far away”. Meeting at two venues in Marston on Thursdays at 10am and 7.30pm, starting on 6th March. To book your place, please contact Ian 078 6020 9998 (morning session) or Val 246 157 (evening sessions).

2. 'Let it Be' - Lent 2025 - Informal Café style discussions on how Mary helps us to be filled with God’s love. The discussions are a great way to explore and deepen your faith, share views and meet others. No need to sign up, just drop in - as and when you can. **When & where:** Thursday’s: 6th, 13th & 27th Mar, 3rd & 10th April) starting at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall at Corpus Christi Church. More info from johnkirwan1a@gmail.com

The parish financial report for 2024 is available at the back of church. Please take a copy if you don’t have access to the website. Questions to Fr Emmanuel or to jane.kennett@googlemail.com (FC Chair).

The Archdiocese of Birmingham Diocese Directory 2025 is on sale at the back of church: Prices can be found on the front cover of the booklet. Please put money in the CTS box.

Car park changes: 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).

Free Breakfast Club in your Parish School - We are excited to announce that your parish school, St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School, is launching a free breakfast club for all pupils from the beginning of the summer term. We have been chosen to be an early adopter of this Government initiative and are looking forward to welcoming children to school from 08:10am and offering a free breakfast, along with a supportive and fun start to the school day for all our pupils. Please see the school website or contact the school office for more information.

Parish appeal 2024/25

- 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 07th Mar	Gift Aided	Non Gift Aided
Last week	£0	£50
Total	£2,290	£6,046

Last week’s offertory collection

Offertory	Total
Loose Collection	£216.11
Gift Aid Envelopes	£10.00
Card Reader Machine Collection	£315.00
Online giving via website	£304.00
Total	£845.11
Votive candles	£91.07

Monthly standing orders : £1231

Second collection (Cathedral Maintenance): £161.68

Date	Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 08th March	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	9:00am	Eileen Herron RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 09th March	First Sunday of Lent	8.30am	Tommy Joe Ryan
		10.00am	Madalena Araujo Pinheiro RIP
Monday 10th March	Lent Feria	9:00am	Aleykutty Louis RIP
Tuesday 11th March	Lent Feria	9.00am	Mary Audrey Robinson RIP
Wed 12th March	Lent Feria	9.00am	Varghese Chacko RIP
		1.00pm	John Radcliffe Chapel
Thursday 13th March	Lent Feria	9:00am	Maria Luisa e Benevides RIP
Friday 14th March	Lent Feria	9:00am	All Souls
Saturday 15th March	Lent Feria	9:00am	Freda Ready RIP
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 16th March	Second Sunday of Lent	8.30am	Louis Varkey RIP
		10.00am	Julieta de Araujo RIP

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.