

**ROTAS FOR 23 AND 24 FEBRUARY 2019**

**READERS:** Sat 23 6.30pm Mass Martin Murphy  
 Sun 24 8.30am Mass Liz Faulks  
 10am Mass Catherine Wilson, David Norris

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:**

Sat 23 6.30pm Mass c. Jane Cugnet, Imelda Murphy, Michal Grysiewicz  
 Sun 24 8.30am Mass c. Barry Canning, Yvonne Alexander, Linda Purple  
 10am Mass c. Anthony Brown, Ellie Browne, Liz Pledge, John Davies, Hazel Kenny

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Seeds of the Earth Kristin  
 Living Water Henri

**WELCOMERS:** Sat 23 6.30pm Mass Jill Jarvis  
 Sun 24 8.30am Mass Sarah Dolan  
 10am Mass Hazel Kenny

**MUSIC:** Sun 24 10am Mass Music Group

**FLOWERS:** Sat 23 Yvonne Alexander  
**LINEN ROTA:** Helen  
**COUNTING:** Sun 24 Vanessa & Daryl Wilkins  
**TEA/COFFEE:** Paddy/Catherine  
**BULLETIN & PHOTOCOPYING:** Linda Purple



**NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN**

The deadline for notices to be included in the weekly bulletin is **Tuesday evening** at the latest. All notices should be sent by email to: ourladysthugh@sky.com or given to Father Pat. Thank you.

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**Entrance Antiphon** Ps 30:3-4  
 Be my protector, O God,  
 a mighty stronghold to save me.  
 For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
 Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**First Reading** 17:5-8  
 A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 1:1-4.6.R.Ps 39:5

**R. Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.**

- Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)
- He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)
- Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

**Second Reading** 15:12.16-20  
 A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

**Gospel Acclamation** cf. Mt 11:25  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Blessed are you, Father,  
 Lord of heaven and earth,  
 for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.  
 Alleluia!

**Gospel** 6:17.20-26  
 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**Communion Antiphon** Ps 77:29-30  
 They ate and had their fill,  
 and what they craved the Lord gave them;  
 they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY—SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> FEB 2019**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C**

**Sat 16 Mass 10.00 am** (Followed by Exposition)  
 Celebrant's Intention  
**Mass 6.30 pm** (for Sunday)  
 Frank Gallacher

**Sun 17 Mass 8.30 am**  
 Michael Guinan RIP  
**Mass 10.00 am**  
 People of the Parish

**Mon 18 Mass 9.00 am** Celebrant's Intention  
**Requiem Mass 12.00pm**  
 For John Price RIP

**Tues 19 Mass 7.00 pm** (Followed by the Rosary)  
 Celebrant's Intention

**Wed 20 Eucharistic Service 9.00 am**

**Thurs 21 Mass 6.00 pm**  
 Celebrant's Intention

**Fri 22 Feast of the Chair of St Peter, Apostle**  
**Mass 9.00 am** (Followed by Exposition)  
 Celebrant's Intention

**Sat 23 Memorial of St Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr**  
**Mass 10.00 am**  
 Celebrant's Intention  
**Mass 6.30 pm** (for Sunday)  
 Special Intention (J & N)

**Sun 24 Mass 8.30 am**  
 People of the Parish  
**Mass 10.00 am**  
 Marina O'Dwyer RIP

**Confessions**  
 Saturday 10.30am – 11am and 5.30pm – 6pm

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

It appears in the Gospel today that Jesus is saying some harsh things. Is he really suggesting that we should be happy when we are hungry or suffering insult or persecution? Is it really the case that we should feel guilty for being cheerful or not being hungry? No, He is not. What He is saying is there is a danger that we place our values in life on trying to avoid the first and seeking the second. This is the natural human thing to do. However, by becoming human Himself God has transformed our human nature. Following our natural desire and instincts will not give us the true sense of worth we are looking for. It is only by seeking the presence of the Lord within us, yes even if that means having to suffer, that we will find inner peace and happiness. "It is not our task as Christians to conform the Christ of God to our needs and expectations. Our task is to conform our lives to Him." *God Bless. Fr Pat*

### DATES ANNOUNCED FOR BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSES

Parents wishing to have a child Baptised are required to attend a course of preparation. A two-session course is run in the Parish. Parents are welcome to attend before the birth of their child. The next dates for 2019 are **2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> October.**

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next workshop for First Holy Communion children and parents will be on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 11.15am-12.15pm**. (No lesson Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February Half Term).

### CONFIRMATION WORKSHOP

The next Confirmation workshop will be on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – 4pm to 6.00pm** – Workshop 3 – The Holy Spirit - in the Parish Hall followed by 6.30pm Mass.

### YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group meeting will be on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March from 6.00pm – 7.30pm**. Hope to see you there.

### THE 40 HOURS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN NEWMAN'S CHAPEL AT LITTLEMORE

**Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March:** 9am Mass, Exposition until 9pm. **Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March:** Exposition 7am to 9pm.

**Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March:** Exposition 7am to 9pm

**DAILY PRAYER IN COMMON:** Friday and Saturday: 7am Morning Prayer; noon Midday Prayer; 5pm Vespers; 8pm Guided Adoration. Sunday: 7am Morning Prayer; noon Midday Prayer; 6pm Benediction; 8.45pm Compline. Possibility for confessions.

### TALK ON JOHN HENRY NEWMAN AND UNIVERSITY

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:** 4pm Newman College Library, Littlemore, "John Henry Newman and University" – Professor Francis Campbell, Vice-Chancellor at St Mary's University, Twickenham. He previously served as Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Holy See.

For seat reservations call 01865 779743 or email [littlemore@newman-friends.org](mailto:littlemore@newman-friends.org) as soon as possible.

There will be a 'retiring' collection in support of the college. [www.newmanfriendsinternational.org](http://www.newmanfriendsinternational.org)

### DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus, send labourers into Your harvest.

Inspire in the hearts of Your people, vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Bless our families with a spirit of generosity.

May those whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life have the courage to give themselves to Your Church as co-operators of Your work. **St John Vianney, pray for us.**

Please feel free to pick up a copy of the novena and prayers on the paper table in the porch.

### VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR RED BOX SCHEME

Mission Today calendars are on the table in the Church porch. If you support APF-Mill Hill Missionaries please take one. We are still looking for a volunteer to organise the running of the Red Box scheme in the parish. Please speak to Fr Pat.

### CAKES HELP CAFOD APPEAL FOR YEMEN

There will be a CAFOD cake stall after Masses **this weekend**.

Proceeds will go to CAFOD's appeal for Yemen.

### REFERRALS RISE AT WITNEY'S FOOD BANK

January has seen an increasing number of referrals to the Witney and West Oxfordshire Food Bank and all items have been greatly appreciated. At present the Food Bank is low on: squash, hot chocolate, washing-up liquid and pet food. Packet potato, tinned fish and corned beef and ham, shampoo, shower gel, toothbrushes and deodorant are all very welcome, together with other in-date tins and packets. Please place your donations in the box at the back of Church. They are taken to the Food Bank (in Cottsway House) every two to three weeks. Many thanks for your continuing support.

### JOB ON OFFER AT ST HUGH OF LINCOLN NURSERY SCHOOL

St Hugh of Lincoln Nursery School is looking for an enthusiastic and highly-motivated practitioner to join our outstanding nursery. We are a hard-working friendly team committed to maintaining high standards. This is a permanent, part-time position (*term time only*) for an experienced keyperson to start as soon as possible. Hours will change termly according to the needs of the nursery (three times a year). An Early Years qualification at Level 2/3 or higher is required. Please contact the nursery for further details and to arrange a visit. Application forms are available to download on our website, or on request. The successful candidate will be required to provide two references and undergo an enhanced DBS check. We are an equal opportunities employer. Closing date for applications: 9am on **Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February**. (*Interviews will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February*) *St Hugh of Lincoln Nursery School, Curbridge Road, Witney, OX28 5YH. 01993 706636. [www.sthughoflincoln.nursery.co.uk](http://www.sthughoflincoln.nursery.co.uk)*

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's World Day of Prayer is to be held at the Congregational church, Welch Way on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 10.30am and 7pm**. The service has been arranged by the women of Slovenia. **ALL VERY WELCOME.**

### THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION

The Catenian Association is an international association of Catholic men drawn from all walks of life. Our local group is based in Oxford and has active members from our parish. For more information please take a leaflet which are available in the church porch or visit [www.catenians.com](http://www.catenians.com) or email [enquiries@oxfordshire-catenians.uk](mailto:enquiries@oxfordshire-catenians.uk)

### HELPERS WELCOME AT OUR LADY & ST HUGH FAMILY CLUB

Church Playgroup is held in the Parish Room every Wednesday during term time from 10am-noon for parents and carers of pre-school aged children. A suggested donation of £1 per child/carers covers our running costs and we rely on a small group of volunteers to keep the group going. We would love to have more Parish members involved in the running of this group. We need help with refreshments, craft activities, singing and engaging with carers and children. If you are interested in volunteering, please let Catherine in the office know. *Many thanks.*

### WINNERS OF JANUARY 200 CLUB DRAW

Congratulations to the winners of the January draw. Thank you to everyone who entered. Anyone wishing to join may do so for the February draw.

### NEW DIOCESAN DIRECTORY ON SALE NOW

The new *Archdiocese of Birmingham Directory 2019* is available to buy from the Repository priced £3.