

**ROTAS FOR 23rd AND 24th MARCH 2019**

**READERS:** Sat 23 6.30pm Mass Frank Jones  
 Sun 24 8.30am Mass Catherine Kennedy  
 10.00am Mass Anne Tester, Sally-Ann Enright

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:**

Sat 23 6.30pm Mass c. Rita Aston, Jane Cugnet, Michael Grysiwicz  
 Sun 24 8.30am Mass c. Jacques Honore, Christina Morris, Linda Purple  
 10.00am Mass c. Jason Sikorski, John Davies, Jeremy Taylor  
 David Sole, Maureen Banks

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

**WELCOMERS:** Sat 23 6.30pm Mass Hazel Kenny  
 Sun 24 8.30am Mass Barry Eastburn  
 10.00am Mass Celia Brown

**MUSIC:** Sun 24 10.00am Mass Music group

**FLOWERS:** Sat 23 No Flowers in Lent  
**LINEN ROTA:** Mon 25 Helen  
**COUNTING:** Sun 25 Evelyn Turner, Liz Faulks  
**TEA/COFFEE:** Sun 25 Liz, Linda  
**BULLETIN :** Catherine Buxton  
**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.

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME**

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**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 26:8-9  
 Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.  
 It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
 hide not your face from me.

**First Reading** 15:5-12.17-18  
 A reading from the book of Genesis

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 26:1.7-9.13-14.R.v.1  
 R. The Lord is my light and my help.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;  
 whom shall I fear?  
 The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
 before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
 have mercy and answer.  
 Of you my heart has spoken:  
 "Seek his face." (R.)
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
 hide not your face.  
 Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
 you have been my help. (R.)
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
 in the land of the living.  
 Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
 Hope in the Lord! (R.)

**Second Reading** 3:17-4:1  
 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
 Philippians

**Gospel Acclamation** Mt 17:5  
 Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  
 From the bright cloud the Father's voice was  
 heard:  
 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'  
 Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

**Gospel** 9:28-36  
 A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
 Luke

**Communion Antiphon** Mt 17:5  
 This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well  
 pleased; listen to him.

This weekend there is a Second Collection for  
 CAFOD family Fast Day.  
 Envelopes are available in the porch.

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**SUNDAY 17th – SUNDAY 24th MARCH 2019**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C**

Sat 16 Mass 10:00am (Followed by Exposition)  
 Celebrants Intention  
 Mass 6:30pm (for Sunday)  
 People of the Parish

Sun 17 Mass 8:30am Don Laws RIP  
 Mass 10:00am Tom Kenny RIP

Mon 18 Mass 9:00am Richard Ryan

SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH,  
 HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
 Tues 19 Mass 7:00pm (Followed by the Rosary)  
 Celebrant's Intention

Wed 20 Mass 9:00am Celebrant's Intention

Thurs 21 Eucharistic Service 6.00 pm

*Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic  
 of the Mother of God*

Fri 22 Eucharistic Service 9.00am (No Exposition)  
 Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Sat 23 Mass 10:00am (Followed by Exposition)  
 Celebrant's Intention  
 Mass 6:30pm (for Sunday)  
 Nellie Lynch RIP

Sun 24 Mass 8:30am People of the Parish  
 Mass 10:00am David Schorah RIP

CONFESSIONS:  
 SATURDAY: 10:30am – 11:00am & 5:30pm – 6:00pm

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus has just told His disciples that He will be handed over to the Romans and crucified on the cross. Being truly human He will be very fearful, a fear that will grow as He gets closer to Jerusalem. The Transfiguration on the mountain is His Father's way of confirming Him in his mission. It also reveals to the three disciples present the power and beauty that lies hidden beneath the humanity of Jesus. The pain and suffering that Jesus will go through, although very real, do not define who Jesus truly is. Sometimes, especially when we are experiencing feelings of intense pain, confusion or uncertainty we can allow ourselves to believe they express who we are. However, we are made in the image and likeness of the Lord. Therefore, we look to the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain to define who we truly are. Consequently, no matter what challenges we face in our lives must we ever give up. *God bless, Father Pat*

### LENT 2019

As we begin the Holy season of Lent we prepare for the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ when He delivers God's people from the power of evil. Lent gives us an opportunity to reflect on our spiritual lives. Most of us try to do something extra such as giving up something we enjoy, but there are other things we could also do - such as attending Mass or the Stations of the Cross during Lent, being more charitable towards others especially those we find it difficult to get on with, or visiting the sick or elderly.

### LENTEN WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS

The Lenten 'Walk with me' booklets and calendars are available on the table in the narthex. Please take one of each. If you know of someone who might appreciate a booklet or calendar please take one for them also. A suggested donation of £1 would be appreciated to cover the cost of printing but do not let the cost prevent you from having a copy.

### NEW CAFÉ COURSE

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI says that "the one who has hope lives differently because they have been granted the gift of new life!"

**THE JOY OF HOPE** is an inspiring and practical new course, filmed on the stunning holy Greek island of Patmos where Scripture says St John had a life-changing revelation of our future eternal destination. Presented by CAFÉ Director David Payne, these sessions will share a perspective to help us face the challenges of everyday life with renewed hope and joy. **Every Thursday from 7:30 to 9:00pm until 11th April 2019**

Everybody is welcome to as many sessions as they can make. See [www.faithcafe.org](http://www.faithcafe.org) for more details and a short trailer of the course.

### CAFOD'S FAMILY FEAST DAY, 2019

CAFOD's Family Feast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world. Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our global family. Like Mahinur in Bangladesh. She makes a living from fishing but a drought last year killed all the fish and she is struggling to support her disabled husband and son. Through CAFOD's global Church network - one of the largest networks in the world - your support can reach to the ends of the earth. Please collect your Fast Day envelopes from church this weekend and give whatever you can.

### 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.**

### CLERGY TRAINING FUND

The Clergy Training Fund (previously the Priests' Training Fund) is based within the Vocations Office at St Mary's College, Oscott. Its principal purpose is to finance the costs of recruitment and training for those preparing for ordained ministry, including Deacons, in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. A priest's training usually lasts for seven or eight years. The cost of training a student to become a priest at Oscott is over £150,000 and the cost at Rome is over £237,000. One of the Fund's main sources of fund-raising is the annual second collection in parishes. The other main source of income comes from donations, bequests and the regular giving scheme either by means of monthly envelopes or banker's order. It is very important for us to support the training of priests if our Catholic Churches are to survive and flourish.

We are currently looking for someone in our parish to take over this responsibility in our parish. If you would like to find out more about the promotion of vocations please visit [the Vocations Office for the Archdiocese of Birmingham](http://the Vocations Office for the Archdiocese of Birmingham) If you would like to contribute to the Clergy Training Fund in our parish please contact Fr Pat [ourladysthugh@sky.com](mailto:ourladysthugh@sky.com)

### WITNEY & DISTRICT LENT SOUP LUNCH & BIBLE STUDY

**12.00noon**

Thursday 21st March—Congregational Church

Thursday 28th March—High Street Methodist Church

Friday 5th April—Our Lady & St Hugh

Wednesday 10th April—Davenport Road

**Proceeds to Christian Aid—See Posters in the Porch**

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### WITNEY & WEST OXFORDSHIRE FOOD BANK

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 usually taken to the Food Bank (in Cottsway House) every week. Once again, many thanks for your continued and very generous support.

If you are donating to the food bank **during the week**, please could you leave your donations at the presbytery, and **not in the box in the porch**. Many thanks.

### 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)

### WINNERS OF FEBRUARY 200 CLUB DRAW

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

### WEEKLY ENVELOPES ARE NOW READY FOR COLLECTION.

To reduce printing costs, it was necessary to alter and allocate a new number to some parishioners. We have advised our Counting and Gift Aid team of these changes so that, in particular, for Gift Aid contributors their donations will be recorded using their new number. Please remember to collect your envelopes.