

ROTAS FOR 15TH AND 16 DECEMBER 2018

READERS
 Sat Dec 15 6.30pm Mass Brian Vlies
 Sun Dec 16 8.30am Mass Angela Dryden
 10.00am Mass Anne Tester, Joe Mc Leone

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Sat Dec 15 6.30pm Mass c. Rita Aston, Liz Beaton
 Jane Cugent
 Sun Dec 16 8.30am Mass c. Catherine Kennedy, Yvonne Alexander,
 Margaret Pimm
 10.00am Mass c. Stella Orji, Gerald Orji, Margaret Hamm
 Hazel Kenny, Maureen Banks

WELCOMERS
 Sat Dec 15 6.30pm Mass Martin & Jos Murphy
 Sun Dec 16 8.30am Mass Linda Purple
 10.00am Mass Sally-Ann Enright

LITURGY
 Sun Dec 16 Seeds of the Earth Sophie
 Living Water Henri

MUSIC: Sun Dec 16 10.00am Mass.....Choir
LINEN ROTA: Monica
COUNTING: Sun Dec 16..... Philip Ogden, Frank Jones
TEA/COFFEE: Sun Dec 16..... Liz/Linda
BULLETIN: Eileen Nicholson
PHOTOCOPYING: Linda Purple



**ALL WELCOME
 Tea and coffee
 is served
 after 10am Mass**

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

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, Reg. Charity No: 234216

Entrance Antiphon Is 30:19,40
 O people of Sion, behold,
 the Lord will come to save the nations,
 and the Lord will make the glory of his voice
 heard in the joy or your heart.

First Reading 5:1-7
 A reading from the prophet Baruch

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125.

- R What marvels the Lord worked for us!
 Indeed we were glad.**
- When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
 it seemed like a dream.
 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
 on our lips there were songs. (R)
 - The heathens themselves said "What
 marvels the Lord worked for them!"
 What marvels the Lord worked for us!
 indeed we were glad. (R)
 - Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as
 streams in dry land.
 Those who are sowing in tears will sing
 when they reap. (R)
 - They go out, they go out full of tears,
 carrying seed for the sowing.
 They come back, they come back full of
 song, carrying their sheaves. (R)

Second Reading 1:3-6,8-11
 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
 Philippians

Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4,6
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Prepare a way for the Lord
 make His paths straight
 and all mankind shall see the salvation
 of the Lord
 Alleluia!

Gospel 3:1-4
 A reading from the holy Gospel according to
 Luke

Communion Antiphon Bar 6:5;4:36
 Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
 and behold the joy which comes to you from
 God.

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**SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER 2018 – SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER
 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C**

**Sat 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary**
 Mass 10.00am (Followed by Exposition)
 Joan & Paul Fowler
 Mass 6.30pm (For Sunday)
 Elizabeth Pickett RIP

Sun 9 Mass 8.30am Birthday intention (MP)
 Mass 10.00am People of the Parish

Mon 10 Mass 9.00am Celebrant's Intention

Tues 11 Mass 7.00pm Celebrant's intention

Wed 12 Eucharistic Service 9.00am

Thurs 13 Memorial St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
 Mass 6.00pm Sadie Rutledge RIP

**Fri 14 Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest,
 Doctor of the Church**
 Mass 9.00am (Followed by Exposition)
 Celebrant's Intention

Sat 15 Mass 10.00am (Followed by Exposition)
 Zoe Kamen (SI)
 Mass 6.30pm (For Sunday)
 Celebrant's Intention

Sun 16 Mass 8.30am Birthday intention (MP)
 Mass 10.00am People of the Parish
 Carol Service 6.00pm

Confessions
 Saturday: 10.30am-11.00am & 5.30pm-6.00pm

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In this Second Sunday of Advent John the Baptist is inviting us to prepare for the coming of the Lord through the repenting of our sins. Yet, all too often, we only repent of the obvious ones we tend to do every day. They are the ones we repeat every time we go to Confession. What about those sins which lie hidden in our hearts. It could be fear or anger or resentment. These can distort our perception of the world around us or influence our relationships, especially with particular people. Somehow we know they are there but to accept that and face them could mean a total change in the direction of our lives. This may demand a complete re-evaluation of how we see ourselves and other people. This can shake our comfortable life. However, if we can use this Advent to make straight our winding roads then we can truly rejoice at meeting the Lord this Christmas.

Fr Pat

ADVENT HOLY HOUR – Sunday 23rd December 4.00-5.00pm

We will be having a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament. This is a lovely opportunity to take some time out of our busy Christmas preparations to spend some time with the Lord. If you can please come along even if you can only spare five minutes.

God bless Fr Pat

ADVENT 2018

We are beginning the Holy Season of Advent which is also the start of the Church's liturgical year. During Advent we should take some time to reflect on our spiritual lives. The readings for this weekend's Masses are from Cycle C in the Sunday Missal. Inside the bulletin this week is a flyer for Christmas Mass times, services and events for Advent and Christmas.

ADVENT WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS

The *Advent Walk with Me* booklets and calendars are now available at the back of the church. Suggested donations are £1, but don't let that prevent you from taking one. If you know someone who might appreciate a booklet or calendar, please take one for them also.

RCIA (GROWING IN FAITH)

If you are a non-Catholic and would be interested in getting to know about the Catholic Faith or if you are already a Catholic but would like to know more about the Faith – this course may be for you. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 11th December**, at 8pm. Those who have attended the talks previously have enjoyed them, also there is no presumption on anybody becoming a Catholic by attending. Please let Fr Pat know if you are interested.

THE GIFT – A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE

An inspiring and practical series aimed at people of all ages, to help them encounter the Holy Spirit and empower them to share their faith, Fellowship, vision, group discussions and more. The next meeting is on **Thursday 13th December** from 7.30– 9.00pm. For more details please visit:

<https://www.thegiftofthespirit.org>

200 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners of the November Draw. Thank you to everyone who entered. Anyone wishing to join may do so for the December draw.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AND SERVICES 2018

Sunday 16th December at 6.00pm Christmas Carol Service followed by
Mince pies and mulled wine

Monday 17th December 10.00am Whole School Mass in the School Hall
All welcome

Sunday 23rd December
Christmas Grand Draw 11.00am and Children's Christmas Party

Sunday 23rd December
Advent Holy Hour 4.00-5.00pm

Confessions

Saturday 16th December 10.30-11.00am & 5.30-6.00pm

Monday 17th December 6.00-6.30pm

Tuesday 18th December 7.30-8.00pm

Thursday 20th December 7.00-7.30pm

Friday 21st December 12.30-1.00pm

Saturday 22nd December 10.30-11.00am & 5.30-6.00pm

Monday 24th December 12.00 -1.00pm

24th December Christmas Midnight Mass
Preceded by Carols at 11.30pm

25th December Christmas Day Morning
Masses at 8.30am and 10.00am

Wednesday 26th December Feast of St Stephen

HOLIDAY IN DORSET IS STAR PRIZE IN GRAND DRAW

Tickets for the Grand Draw are now available at the back of church. Please try to take a few books to sell among your friends and family. First prize is a week in a holiday home in Swanage, Dorset, for up to seven people, second prize is a Christmas hamper and third is a case of wine, plus many more. Could we request donations of prizes, especially chocolates and wine. The draw will take place on **Sunday 23rd December** after the 10am Mass, followed by the children's Christmas party.

FOOD PARCEL REFERRALS CONTINUE TO GROW

Thank you to the people of Our Lady and St Hugh's Catholic Church for your kind support over the last year. As anticipated, the referrals for food parcels have increased following the introduction of Universal Credit. Last month, thanks to the generosity of people locally, we gave out 45 parcels, supporting 76 adults and 59 children in the Witney and West Oxfordshire area.

At present we are low on squash and fruit juice, packet potato, tinned fish and corned beef and ham, shampoo, shower gel, toothbrushes and deodorant.

The Christmas holiday period is a difficult time for many people, especially those with children who are in receipt of free school meals. Once again, many thanks for your continued support.