

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please keep all the sick and housebound in your prayers,

RECENTLY DECEASED

Let us pray for all those who have died recently, and all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time. May they Rest in Peace. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Every life is unique and special, especially at its passing. If you would like a 'paragraph eulogy' included in the bulletin, please contact Father Pat.

ROTAS FOR 10 - 11 FEBRUARY 2024

Readers:	Sat 17	6.30pm Mass:	Duncan
	Sun 18	8.30am Mass:	Angela Dryden
	Sun 18	10.00am Mass:	Cohen Tester, Anne Tester
Eucharistic Ministers:	Sat 17	6.30pm Mass:	© Carmen Bennett, Jane Cugnet, Colin Murphy
	Sun 18	8.30am Mass:	© Yvonne Alexander, Christina Morris, Jacques Honore
	Sun 18	10.00am Mass:	© Michelle Rose, Ally Warren, Helen Holt-Davies
Flowers:	Sat 17	No Flowers during Lent	
Counters:	Sun 18	Philip Ogden and Paulose Kochappu	
Bulletin:	Sat 17	Catherine Buxton	
Photocopying:	Sat 17	Catherine Buxton	
Tea & Coffee:	Sun 18	Celia	

Please email any new rotas to:
lindajpurple@yahoo.co.uk
Many thanks.

REFRESHMENTS

Teas and coffees are served on Sundays **after 10 o'clock Mass**. It is not necessary to pay but if you feel you can this will cover expenses. Any money over goes to the parish SVP.

PLEASE NOTE OUR BULLETIN DEADLINE

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 THE BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU.

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

COVID MEASURES 2023

Please sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the church. Please let me know if you have any concerns. email: ourladysthugh@sky.com or telephone 01993 702661. *God Bless, Fr Pat*

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 13:1-2.44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

Responsorial Psalm Ps 31:1-2.5.11.R.v.7

R. You are my hiding place, O Lord;
you surround me with cries of deliverance.

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. (R)
2. But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: "I will confess
my offence to the Lord."
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. (R)
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
Exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. (R)

Second Reading 10:31-11:1

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the
Corinthians

Gospel Acclamation cf. Eph 1:17.18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our mind,
so that we can see what hope his call holds
for us.
Alleluia!

Gospel 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark.

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.

Second Collection for Life

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SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY - SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY
2024

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

- Sat 10 **EXPOSITION 10.00 - 11.00am**
MASS 6.30pm Dorothy Joseph RIP
- Sun 11 **MASS 8.30am** Chris Crouch RIP
MASS 10.00 am People of the Parish
- Mon 12 **MASS 9.30am** People of the Parish
- Tue 13 **MASS 6.00pm** Celebrant's Intention
- ASH WEDNESDAY**
Day of Fasting and Abstinence
- Wed 14 **MASS 10.00am** People of the Parish
FUNERAL SERVICE 12.30pm
for William Fagan RIP
MASS 7.00pm Eileen Haggarty RIP
- Thurs 15 **EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE 6.00pm**
- Fri 16 **EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE, 9.30am**
- Sat 17 **EXPOSITION 10.00-11.00AM**
MASS 6.30pm Giles Brady
- Sun 18 **MASS 8.30am** People of the Parish
MASS 10.00am Cynthia Mary Baker RIP

MORNING CONFESSIONS 10.30am - 11.00 am

EVENING CONFESSIONS - 5.30 - 6.00pm

or by appointment.

SAFEGUARDING

Your Safeguarding representative is: Helen Holt-Davies.
Please contact: sg.olash.witney@rcaob.org.uk

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Any infection on the skin at the time of Jesus was considered as leprosy because people did not understand anything about skin conditions. Therefore, everyone with a skin problem was considered "unclean" and rejected in the community, forced to live in complete isolation. It was fear that made people behave that way towards lepers, fear can lead to hostility. As I reflect on this, I sometimes wonder that any feelings of resentment or perhaps hostility I have towards a person is saying something about me. All too often, I can see the other person as responsible for how I feel. Perhaps I should stop and think it might be me. I have not tried to understand who that person really is and where they might be coming from. This causes me, even unintentionally, to fear them causing my resentment towards them. Jesus reached out and touched the leper crossing any barrier caused by fear. Perhaps I am the one that needs healing. *God Bless. Fr Pat*

LENT 2024

As we enter 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 difficult to get on with, or visiting the sick or elderly. **Stations of the Cross are at 7pm every Friday during Lent.**

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.

THE YEAR OF PRAYER 2024

Pope Francis has proposed that 2024 should be marked as a year dedicated to prayer. In preparation for the Jubilee, dioceses are invited to promote initiatives to remind people of the centrality of both individual prayer and community prayer. One such resource is a helpful App/Website called Pray-As-You-Go. This app/website offers daily guided prayers through the scriptures as well as personal retreats. Find it here <https://pray-as-you-go.org/> or in your App Store- just search Pray As You Go.

PRAYER FOR THE PREPARATION OF MASS

God our Father you call us to gather together for this Sunday Mass. Help us to draw strength from the Holy Scriptures and from the Holy Eucharist, so that we deepen our love for you. May we be enlivened by the Holy Spirit to mirror the words and actions of your Son Jesus Christ and become more clearly your instruments of mercy to others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BAPTISM

Parents wishing to have their child Baptised are required to attend a course of preparation.

PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024

Confirmation will take place on **Friday 19th April 2024** this year. Our next workshop is on **Sunday 25th February at approx 11.15am** (after the 10am Mass). Please bring please bring any information you have found about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. We will finish the workshop at 12 noon. Please contact Father Pat.

JOIN OUR ALTAR SERVERS TEAM!

We are looking to increase our Servers team and so we appeal especially to those who have recently made their First Holy Communion and the recent Confirmation candidates, all of whom are eligible, but also to anyone who would like to be a part of our Parish life to please come forward. Full training will be given. Please leave contact details in the Sacristy or hand to Fr. Pat and we will contact you with further information. *Parish contact no. 01993 702661*

CHOIR APPEAL

The choir is in need of a base and tenor to sing in 4 part harmony. Sight reading is not essential but you must be able to hold your line with the other parts. We rehearse on a **Wednesday evening 7.30 - 9.00pm in church**. We are now rehearsing for Easter and we would love you to join us in singing over this period. Please just turn up on **Wednesday evening at 7.30.**

JOHN GARRICK

PLEASE SEE ENCLOSED IN YOUR NEWSLETTER TODAY A TRIBUTE TO JOHN GARRICK, OUR MUSICAL DIRECTOR AT THE 10AM SUNDAY MASS FOR OVER 40 YEARS, WHO HAS RETIRED. THANK YOU, JOHN, FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE.

TURN YOUR CONCERN INTO ACTION - ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)

The **St Vincent De Paul Society helps tackle poverty in all its forms through practical assistance.** The essence of our work is person to person and telephone contact to reach out to those in need. **More than 6 million adults live in absolute poverty in Britain.** There are many local neighbours who face poverty, loneliness, and isolation. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, recently said 'The SVP provides much needed support to those living in poverty. More members are needed to ensure that this work continues and flourishes. I urge anyone who has time to offer to work with the SVP by becoming a volunteer'. Please contact the parish office at 01993 702661 if you need or know anyone who needs assistance, or if you would like to help.

CAFOD CAKE STALL

The next CAFOD cake stall will be on the **17/18th February after all Masses.** Donations of cakes are most welcome. Please do come along and support.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We would love to welcome more little ones ages 0-7 or pre-first communion. Every week we do songs, prayers, bible lessons and crafts related to the gospel readings. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions please contact Katie Benitez. We are in need of several additional volunteers to help with our activities so we will be able to do more and continue our efforts.

TODDLER TIME

Toddlers is looking for another helper! Come and be a part of something special on a Tuesday morning 10am -12pm! We could use help in the kitchen with the tea and coffee during the session or with tidying up at the end of the session.

200 CLUB WINNERS JANUARY

Congratulations to January 200 Club winners. Please consider joining this club.