



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 6th & 7th APRIL 2024

Readers:	Sat 6	6.30pm Duncan Clark
	Sun 7	8.30am Mass: Christina Morris
	Sun 7	10.00am Mass: Margaret Hamm, Carlton Rose
Eucharistic Ministers:	Sat 6	6.30pm Mass: © Sue Collins, Jane Cugnet, Bernadette Collins
	Sun 7	8.30 am Mass: © Barbara Chodkiewicz, Jacques Honore, Christina Morris
	Sun 7	10.00am Mass: © Helen Holt-Davies, Michelle Rose, Anthony Brown
Flowers:	Sat 6	TBA
Counters:	Sun 7	Phil Ogden & Jennie Dolphin
Bulletin:	Sat 6	Linda Purple
Photocopying:	Sat 6	Catherine Buxton
Tea & Coffee:	Sun 7	Liz/Linda

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

LUNCH CLUB

The next Parish lunch is on **Tuesday 2nd April 12.30pm**. Two courses for £5.00. Contact Rachel Crouch on 01993 774569 to book your place. Everyone is welcome.

UPDATED COVID MEASURES 2023

Dear Parishioners, Please sanitise 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

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.



Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 138:18, 5-6
I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,
alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading 10:34.37-43
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2.16-17.22-23.R.v.24

**R. This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
"His love has no end." (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Second Reading
A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8
Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed;
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel 20:1-9
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Communion Antiphon 1 Cor 5:7-8
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed,
alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with
the unleavened bread of purity and truth,
alleluia, alleluia.

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SUNDAY 31st MARCH 2024 – SUNDAY 7th APRIL 2024
SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
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Sat 30 Blessing of the Food 11.00am
(No Exposition, Confessions or 6.30pm Mass)
HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL AND
FIRST MASS OF EASTER
MASS 8.00pm Tian, Tom and Will

Sun 31 **EASTER SUNDAY**
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
MASS 8.30am People of the Parish
MASS 10.00am Eric Pickin RIP

Mon 1 **EASTER MONDAY - SOLEMNITY**
MASS 10.00am Celebrant's Intention

Tue 2 **EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE 6.00pm**

Wed 3 **NO MASS**

Thurs 4 **MASS 6.00pm** Maggie Brown RIP

Fri 5 **MASS 6.00pm** Celebrant's Intention

Sat 6 **EXPOSITION 10.00 –11.00am**
MASS 6.30pm Bill Bradshaw RIP

Sun 7 **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**
MASS 8.30am People of the Parish
MASS 10.00am Maggie Brown RIP

CONFESSIONS
10.30am -11am & 5.30pm - 6pm
(Or by appointment)

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

EASTER MESSAGE

"Salvation is free for you because someone else paid."

Does this quote sum up what Easter is all about? Today is a day of celebration because Jesus is risen. The analogy used to describe the Resurrection is that of the sun rising, giving new light after the darkness of the night. The coldest part of the night is just before dawn. When our lives are at their darkest and coldest, we turn to the risen Lord knowing that, because of His passion and death on the cross He is with us in our darkest moments. Yet we must have the faith to believe He will not leave us there. He has paid the price of our salvation. It is His greatest desire that we must never allow the darkness and coldness to consume us but instead, through Faith allow the light of the living Lord to rise in our hearts. Easter reminds us that hope can never be overcome if only we believe. I would like to wish you all a very Happy and Holy Easter.
God Bless. Fr. Pat



EASTER COLLECTIONS

Your Easter offerings are one of two collections that go directly to Fr Pat (The other being Christmas). Please donate as generously as possible. Thank you very much.

MAGGIE BROWN RIP

As many of you will know by now Maggie Brown wife of Nick passed away recently. Maggie has contributed greatly to our parish over the years in many, many ways. We extend our sympathy to Nick and his family and ask that you keep them in your prayers. May Maggie Rest in Peace. Funeral details are: Reception into church 4.00pm Wednesday 17th April. Requiem mass 11.00am Thursday 18th April.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE FLOWER TEAM

A big thank you from the flower team for your generous donations to the flower collection last week. It is very much appreciated. We hope you enjoy the flower displays this weekend. Also, we could do with some more volunteers. Please contact the church office if you feel you could help. 01993 702661. Many thanks.

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

A big thank you to you all for donating to the three cake sales we've held at Church over the past month for Down Syndrome Oxford. All three fundraisers raised £306, which is incredible. Thank you also to the children, parents and staff at St Hugh of Lincoln Nursery School and Our Lady of Lourdes School who wore odd socks last week to raise awareness and even more funds for this charity. The money raised goes towards helping children and adults with Down Syndrome, and their families, in a variety of ways including speech and language therapy, social events and supportive training. Thank you from Laura, Harry, Jack and Thomas.

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.

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. Workshop 5 will be about signs and symbols of confirmation Please contact Father Pat if you have any questions.

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.

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.

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.

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.

