

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 20th & 21st APRIL 2024

Readers:	Sat 20	6.30pm	Ellen O'Hare
	Sun 21	8.30am	Mass: Angela Dryden
	Sun 21	10.00am	Mass: Chris Banks, Helen Holt-Davies
Eucharistic Ministers:	Sat 20	6.30pm	Mass: © Carmen Bennett, Rita Aston, Louise Barr
	Sun 21	8.30 am	Mass: © Yvonne Alexander, Christina Morris, Barbara Chodkiewicz
	Sun 21	10.00am	Mass: © Denise Williams, Janina Kainowska, Carlton Rose
Flowers:	Sat 20		Fiona Hook
Counters:	Sun 21		Louise Barr and Ellen O'Hare
Bulletin:	Sat 20		Mary Barton
Photocopying:	Sat 20		Catherine Buxton
Tea & Coffee:	Sun 21		Paddy/Catherine

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.

Second Collection next weekend is for Clergy Training Fund
Second Collection 27/28 April is for Parish Church Maintenance

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.

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

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 65:1-2
Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading 3:13-15.17-19
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Responsorial Psalm Ps 4:2.4.7.9.R.v.7

R. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have
mercy and hear me! (R.)

2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those
whom he loves; the Lord hears me
whenever I call him. (R.)

3. 'What can bring us happiness?' Many
say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O
Lord. (R.)

4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes
at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in
safety. (R.)

Second Reading 2:1-5
A reading from the first letter of St. John

Gospel Acclamation cf. Lk 24:32
Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you
talk to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel 24:35-48
A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke

Communion Antiphon Lk 24:35
The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of bread,
alleluia.

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SUNDAY 14th APRIL - SUNDAY 21st APRIL 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
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- Sat 13 **EXPOSITION 10.00am - 11.00am**
MASS 6.30pm John Cassidy RIP
- Sun 14 **MASS 8.30am** Maggie Brown RIP
MASS 10.00am Mary Guinan RIP
- Mon 15 **MASS 9.30am** People of the Parish
- Tue 16 **MASS 6.00pm** The Kitto Family
- Wed 18 **RECEPTION INTO CHURCH 4.00pm**
of Maggie Brown RIP
- Thurs 18 **REQUIEM MASS 11am** for Maggie Brown RIP
MASS 6.00pm Celebrant's Intention
- Fri 19 **NO MORNING MASS**
CONFIRMATION MASS 7.00pm
Candidates, Sponsors & Parents/Carers
- Sat 20 **EXPOSITION 10.00am - 11.00am**
MASS 6.30pm People of the Parish
- Sun 21 **MASS 8.30am** Marie & Tony Sullivan RIP
MASS 10.00am Special Intention

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

It is easy for us to make decisions on what is real by what we see or hear or what feelings we have. Jesus warned His disciples that He would rise on the Third Day after His death. Yet, when He appears to them in today's Gospel, they are initially convinced He is a ghost. He even had to have something to eat to convince them He was truly alive. They had seen what had happened to Him and experienced intense feelings failure and loss. They were sure that this was the end. How often can we go through life and because of what we have seen, heard or gone through feel hopeless or a sense of failure. Yet, when Jesus rose from the dead, He remained human, albeit as a new creation, glorified. He Himself promised that as He shared our human nature so we will become like Him in Heaven. His death on the cross and His Resurrection made this possible. Evil had won the battle to kill Jesus. However, it was only doing what God wanted it to do. So, no matter what battles we face on earth, even if we seem to lose, we must never give up or lose hope. God has already won the war. God Bless. Fr Pat

THANK YOU

First can I wish you all a Happy and Holy Easter. Thank you so much for your generous gifts and donations. I do very much appreciate it. A very big thank you to all our groups and individuals in the parish who made the Easter Triduum celebration so special., The Choir and Music group, Flower Team, Altar Servers, Eucharistic ministers, wardens, cleaners, readers, bulletin, welcoming and counting teams. All these teams could do with new volunteers. If you can please consider joining one of them.

CONFIRMATION 2024

Confirmation will take place on **Friday 19th April 7.00pm 2024 celebrated by Canon Paul Fitzpatrick**. Please come along and support our young people as they make this important sacrament which they have been preparing for for some time. It would be great to see parishioners there. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers.

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 recent flower collection. It is very much appreciated. We hope you enjoyed the flower displays last weekend. The Flower Team could do with some more volunteers. Please contact the church office if you feel you could help. 01993 702661. Many thanks.

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*

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**.

BAPTISM

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

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.

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 IN MARCH, 2024

Congratulations to the winners!

Please consider joining this club.

CAFOD CAKE STALLS

There will be cake and home produce stalls **after Masses next weekend, 20th & 21st April**.

Please support CAFOD by bringing and buying. Many thanks.

LUNCH CLUB IN MAY

The next Lunch Club will be held on **Tuesday, 7th May from 12.30 to 2.00pm**. £5 for two courses, followed by tea or coffee.

All welcome.