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 13th & 14th APRIL 2024

Readers: Sat 13 6.30pm Brian Viles

Sun 14 8.30am Mass: Peter Bee

Sun 14 10.00am Mass: Cohen Tester, Anne Tester

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat 13 6.30pm Mass: © Vincent Cugnet, Jos Murphy, Colin Murphy

Sun 14 8.30 am Mass: © Barry Canning, Yvonne Alexander, Jacques Honore

Sun 14 10.00am Mass: © Chris Banks, David Sole, Margaret Hamm

Flowers: Sat 13 TBA

Counters: Sun 14 Vanessa and Daryl Wilkins

Bulletin: Sat 13 Linda Purple
Photocopying: Sat 13 Catherine Buxton

Tea & Coffee: Sun 14 Sue

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.

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

1 Pt 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk,

that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading

4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4.15-18.22-24.R.v.1

- R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
- 1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' (R.)

- The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
 I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.
 I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die.

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

 (R.)

Second Reading 5:1-6
A reading from the first letter of St. John

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can

see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Alleluia!

Gospel 20:19-31
A reading from the holy Gospel according to

John

Communion Antiphon Cf. Jn 20:27 Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails.

and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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SUNDAY 7th APRIL - SUNDAY 14th APRIL 2024 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY YEAR B

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 John Galvin RIP

Mon 8 SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
NO MORNING MASS

REQUIEM MASS 12pm for Sheila Price RIP

Tue 9 MASS 6.00pm

Wed 10 NO MASS

Thurs 11 Memorial of Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

MASS 6.00pm Special Intention

Fri 12 MASS 6.00pm Celebrant's Intention

Sat 13 EXPOSITION 10.00am - 11.00am MASS 6.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 14 MASS 8.30am Maggie Brown RIP

MASS 10.00am Mary Guinan RIP

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

Your Safeguarding representative is: Helen Holt-Davies.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Thomas did not see Jesus the first time He appeared to the disciples because he was not with them. It was only when Thomas was with the group the second time Jesus appeared that he saw Jesus. Had he remained on his own Thomas might never have seen Jesus. Perhaps, initially he was so upset at Jesus' death he wanted to isolate himself from those close to him. That is the danger. When we go through a crisis or serious upset, we can be tempted to close ourselves off from those who care either physically or emotionally. We might then find ourselves saying where is God and feeling very much on our own. Yet He is right there in the midst of those who care. Never does God want us to feel we are on our own, especially at this time. 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.

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.

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 17**th **April**. Requiem Mass **11.00am Thursday 18**th **April**.

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 <u>14th April</u> at approx 11.15am (after the 10am Mass). We will finish the workshop at 12 noon. Rehearsal will be on 16th April 4.30pm. Please contact Father Pat if you have any questions.

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

LUNCH CLUB IN MAY

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

All welcome.