

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024

<b>Readers:</b>	<b>Sat 11</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Liz Beaton
	<b>Sun 12</b>	<b>8.30am Mass:</b>	TBD
	<b>Sun 12</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b>	Helen Holt-Davies, Anne Tester
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	<b>Sat 11</b>	<b>6.30pm Mass:</b>	© Louise Barr, Carmen Bennett, Rita Aston
	<b>Sun 12</b>	<b>8.30 am Mass:</b>	© Barbara Chodiewicz, Jacques Honore, Christina Morris
	<b>Sun 12</b>	<b>10.00am Mass:</b>	© Anthony Brown, Chris Banks, Denise Williams
<b>Flowers:</b>	<b>Sat 11</b>		Fiona Hook
<b>Counters:</b>	<b>Sun 12</b>		Louise Barr, Ellen O'Hare
<b>Bulletin:</b>	<b>Sat 11</b>		Catherine Buxton
<b>Photocopying:</b>	<b>Sat 11</b>		Catherine Buxton
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	<b>Sun 12</b>		Liz/Linda

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.

### MISSIO

MISSIO Our Lady & St Hugh raised £825.93 in 2023 through the Red Boxes, including individuals giving directly to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. On behalf of Missio, I would like to thank everyone for their support and generosity. If you wanted to pay directly to Mill Hill Missionaries, details can be found in the leaflets in the porch.

### 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.

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

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Is 48:20  
Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**First Reading** 10:25-26.34-35.44-48  
A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 97:1-4. R.cf.v.2

**R. The Lord has shown his salvation  
to the nations.**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. (R)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. (R)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy. (R)

**Second Reading** 4:7-10  
From the first letter of St John

**Gospel Acclamation** Jn 14:32  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep  
my word, and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him'.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** 15:9-17  
A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to John

**Communion Antiphon** Jn 14:15-16  
If you love me, keep my commandments,  
says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and  
he will send you another Paraclete, to abide  
with you forever, alleluia.

Second Collection next week is for  
CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS

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### SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY - SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

<b>Sat 4</b>	<b>EXPOSITION 10.00am - 11.00am</b> <b>MASS 6.30pm</b>	<i>Teresa Totos RIP</i>
<b>Sun 5</b>	<b>MASS 8.30am</b> <b>MASS 10.00am</b>	<i>Wilfred Bailey RIP</i> <i>Special Intention</i>
<b>Mon 6</b>	<b>MASS 10.00AM</b>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Tue 7</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE 6.00pm</b>	
<b>Wed 8</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Thurs 9</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b> <i>Holy day of Obligation</i> <b>WHOLE SCHOOL MASS IN CHURCH 10.00AM</b> <i>Pupils, Parents/ Carers and Staff</i> <b>MASS 7.00PM</b>	<i>Special Intention</i>
<b>Fri 10</b>	<b>MASS 9.30am</b>	<i>Special Intention</i>
<b>Sat 11</b>	<b>EXPOSITION 10.00am - 11.00am</b> <b>MASS 6.30pm</b>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Sun 12</b>	<b>MASS 8.30am</b> <b>MASS 10.00am</b>	<i>Special Intention</i> <i>Geraldine Farrelly RIP</i>

### CONFESSIONS

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

Your Safeguarding representative is:  
Helen Holt-Davies.  
Please contact: [sg.olash.witney@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.olash.witney@rcaob.org.uk)

## **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

When Jesus died on the cross, he died to save all people no matter who they were. My problem is when I see people behaving in a wicked manner or hear of them, I feel anger not only at what they are doing also at them. All too often I find myself saying "I hope they get what they deserve." Yet, Jesus says "Love one another as I have loved you." He showed His love by dying for me. I must, therefore, love these people in the same way that Jesus loves me. Although I must never condone evil as such I must try to see the perpetrators the way the Lord sees them. He wants them saved. He sees what they are doing to themselves. And will have compassion truly wanting their reconciliation. Perhaps He is relying on me to help Him. It is said that St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) seeing a female guard flog a prisoner in Auschwitz was heard saying "poor, poor thing." Someone agreed, saying the prisoner must be really suffering. St Teresa then said "No I mean the Guard." God bless. Fr Pat

## **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

## **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*

## **BAPTISM**

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

## **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.

## **MESSAGE FROM THE FLOWER TEAM**

The Flower Team could do with some more volunteers. Please contact the church office if you feel you could help. 01993 702661. Many thanks.

## **SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith Explained.**

Every Catholic deserves to know their story. Here is an invitation to join in as a parish family for a stunning video series that presents the BIG picture of the Catholic Faith. Starting on 23rd May 2024, we will undertake a journey, that will help us to explore what it means to be Catholic and to grow in our Faith. Further details to follow... **WATCH THIS SPACE...**

## **THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

**'Yours is the joy of sounding that first note which brings the assembly to its feet, ready to praise God.'**

**Could that be YOU?** The choir is in need of new members, all voices. It is not essential to read music. Choir practice is Wednesday evenings **7.30 - 9.00pm** in church and we sing at Mass on the 1st, 3rd (and 5th) Sundays of the month. We would love to see you on Wednesday evening.

## **St VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)**

Do you know anyone who is lonely and would like a chat either at home or in a care home, or who is struggling financially and would like help with fuel, food bills or other expenses.

## **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 APRIL 2024**

Congratulations to the winners!

Cheques will be available for collection from the sacristy.

Please consider joining this club as we really need new members to keep this group going.

## **LUNCH CLUB IN MAY**

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

**Witney Foodbank always needs our help**. They currently have shortages of tinned meat, cereal, tinned vegetables, coffee, peanut butter, tinned meat pies, shampoo and conditioner. The food bank are really struggling to meet the demands of the all the local people needing support. You can donate at church in the boxes in the porch or these collection points :-

Waitrose, The Woolgate Centre	07:30- 20:00	Green marked cage after Check-out.
Sainsbury's Superstore, Witan Way	07:00- 23:00	Marked basket after Check-out.
Co-operative Food, High Street	07:00 – 22:00	Marked basket near Check-out.
All four Tesco Express, Witney	07.00 – 23.00	Marked basket near Check-out.
Cottsway, Station Lane Avenue Two,	10:00 – 14:00	Marked trolley in back car park.